



C. P. Convention to Open Tomorrow

4,300 Regular, Alternate, Fraternal Delegates Expected to Attend National Parley; Garden to Be Blaze of Color Sunday

Looking down from the balcony of Madison Square Garden on Sunday, June 2, the huge auditorium will flame and blaze with color—flags, bunting, banners, placards. The entire main floor will be given over to the 4,300 regular, alternate and fraternal delegates and visitors coming from every state in the union, Alaska and Hawaii, and representing the people of America.

Each separate delegation will have its own tables, and the main floor itself will be a sea of state banners, each with its distinctive decoration.

Gigantic streamers bearing slogans written in four-foot red and white letters will encircle the Garden and will demand "Keep America Out of the Imperialist War—Jobs, Not Guns—Work, Not War."

Dominating the entire interior of America's largest indoor arena will be a towering 60-foot backdrop behind the speakers stand. Executed in red, white and blue, it will be suspended from the 77-foot ceiling to the floor of the stage.

Giant letters will proclaim:
JOBS
SECURITY
CIVIL RIGHTS
PEACE

100-PIECE BAND

A 100-piece band will make the Garden surge with music. A mass youth color guard will snap through its ceremonial movements. Life, color, noise, gaiety, motion, and underneath it a rock-solid determination to safeguard peace and secure the future of the people—this will be the setting for the public nomination of the standard bearers of the Communist Party in 1940.

Forty-eight state delegations stand instructed to nominate Earl Browder and James W. Ford for President and Vice-President of the United States.

William Z. Foster, national chairman of the Communist Party, and three times its Presidential candidate, will preside over the nominating session which will begin at 11 A. M. sharp.

A capacity audience of 20,000 is expected.

NATIONAL BROADCAST

Beginning at 1:30 P. M. the acceptance speeches of the candidates will be broadcast from coast to coast on national hook-ups of the National Broadcasting System and the Mutual Broadcasting System. It is estimated that an audience high in the millions will be listening in.

A third coast to coast hook-up will carry an interview with Earl Browder over the Columbia Broadcasting System at 8 P. M.

The nominating session will climax the four-day convention which will begin May 30 at the Royal Windsor, 60 W. 66th Street. All seats for the Garden session are reserved, and are priced at 40 cents, 55 cents, 85 cents and \$1.10, and are available at the Workers Bookshop in advance, 50 E. 13th St.

Browder will open the convention with the report of the National Committee of the Communist Party at 2 P. M. on May 30 at the Royal Windsor.

CONVENTION AGENDA

The order of business for the four days, as announced by the Convention Arrangements Committee, is as follows:

Thursday—afternoon, May 30, 2 P. M.
1. Opening of Convention.
2. Election of Credentials and Rules Committee.

3. Report of National Committee by Earl Browder, General Secretary.

Friday—morning, May 31.
1. Election of chairman.
2. Preliminary report of Credentials Committee and seating of delegates.

3. Report of Rules Committee.
4. Election of permanent Convention Arrangements Committee.

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300,000 MEN GIVE UP WITH LEOPOLD; BRITISH TO ATTEMPT WITHDRAWAL

Aircraft Workers Hit War Hysteria

6,000 at Rally Broadcast Peace Demand

Wives and Mothers At Meeting; Students Vote 'No' On War

(Special to the Daily Worker)

SEATTLE, May 28.—Lashing at war hysteria and reaffirming demands for a living wage, workers at Boeing Aircraft Co. broadcast a half-hour program from the Civic Auditorium yesterday where nearly 6,000 workers attended their monthly union meeting.

Wives and mothers of the Aeronautical Mechanics 751 participated in the meeting. Attempts to bar the broadcast failed when KEEN, a small station, accepted the program which other stations had rejected.

Declaring that Boeing will reap unprecedented profits during 1940, Hugo Lundquist, business agent of Aeronautical Mechanics, an AFL local organized on an industrial basis, said the agreement sought by the union was "equitable, just and fair."

Wages paid two years ago at Boeing's were seven cents an hour more than the present scale of 74.6 cents per hour, Lundquist recalled. Yet the backlog of business in 1938 was but \$9,000,000 compared with a present figure of \$50,000,000 and an additional \$50,000,000 within grasp, he said.

A modest increase of eight cents per hour is sought, Lundquist said, to keep pace with the rising cost of living and to divert a share of

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Rep. Marcantonio Lone Vote Against Warmakers

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 28.—Rep. Vito Marcantonio, New York Laborite, today cast the lone opposition vote to two war preparations bills which were jammed through the house with break-neck speed.

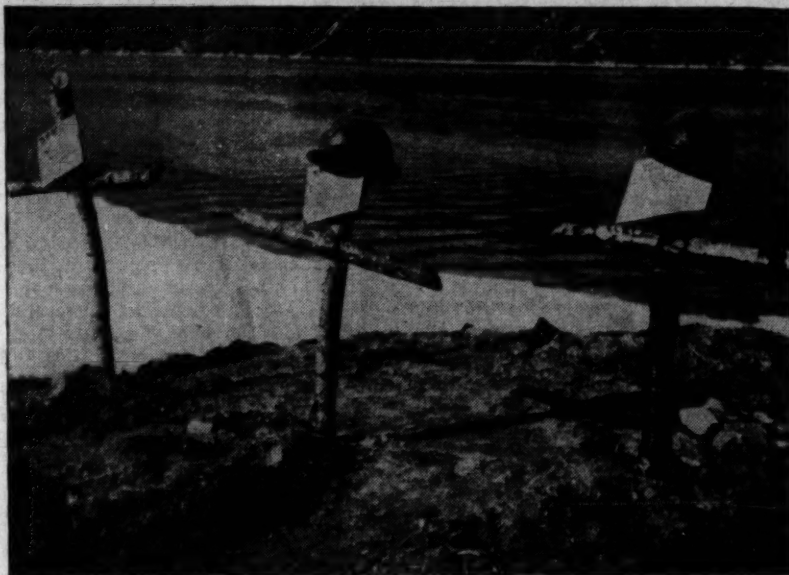
The first of these measures, which would relax present restrictions on profits in naval construction and would hamstring endorsement of the Walsh-Healey Act, was passed by a vote of 400 to one.

The second, which would give the Navy authorization to build up to 10,000 airplanes and to set up a new network of Naval bases, was passed by 402 to one.

Rep. Marcantonio said that he was prepared to vote against all pending armaments bills as "a protest against a program which I believe is intended not for defense but to get this country into war."

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Lesson to America: Journey's End for 3 French Boys



JOURNEY'S END BESIDE A NORWEGIAN FIORD: The graves of three French soldiers near the shore of a port in Northern Norway, scene of bitter warfare between Anglo-French and German troops. 126,000 American boys died in the last World War, and the eve of Memorial Day finds the Wall Street blood-boom gang seeking to send profits soaring again over the corpses of another crop of dead.

F.D.R. Puts Wall St. Crowd in Control of M-Day Machinery

Stettinius, Knudsen Joined By Hillman to Hamstring Labor

By Adam Lapin

(Daily Worker Washington Bureau)
WASHINGTON, D. C., May 28.—President Roosevelt today put big business in control of a newly set-up M-day commission to coordinate the industrial and economic life of the country in preparation for war.

Following with amazing detail the Wilsonian path toward involvement in the first imperialist war, the President revived the Council of National Defense which was created by Congress on August 29th, 1916.

While this council ostensibly consists of six cabinet officers the President emphasized that the real power will be exerted by seven members of a so-called advisory commission whose names he revealed at his afternoon press conference.

Three high-place corporation officials are in key positions on this extraordinary commission which to all intents and purposes is expected to be granted dictatorial powers in getting the country ready for war. The real function of the commis-

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Blood-Boom for Wall Street--War Dividends \$9 Million a Day

There must be a lot of quiet snickering in Wall Street circles when President Roosevelt assures the American people that there will be no "war millionaires" made in his armaments program.

There has been a scramble for the fat profits coming out of the war program. Morgenthau yesterday offered \$200,000,000 of war orders to the machine tool industry.

The Allied Purchasing Commission announced that it has placed \$1,600,000,000 worth of war trade here with aviation and munitions corporations.

Profits of airplane corporations leaped 92 per cent after the war broke out, the total profits for 1939 being \$37,000,000 as against \$21,000,000.

Huge profits are being made in airplane building—

Lockheed Aircraft Corp. boosted profits by 608 per cent since the war broke out; from \$442,000 to \$3,132,000. North American Aviation shows a 272 per cent increase, from \$1,900,000 to \$7,068,000.

Figuring average aviation corporation profit at 11 per cent on sales, the Wall Street airplane corporations stand to make at least \$100,000,000 clear profit on the Allied plane sales alone.

Airplane corporations have boosted the price of

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Germans Seek To Isolate Allied Troops, Says Moscow

Aim at Breaking Up Enemy Forces Into 'Separate Units'

(Wireless to the Daily Worker)

MOSCOW, May 28.—The immediate German objective in the Western Front battle is to break up the Allies' northern forces into "separate, isolated units," in line with the lessons of the Polish campaign, Izvestia's military analyst declared today in comment on yesterday's military developments. The commentary was written before today's surrender of the Belgian Army by King Leopold.

"The German Command," said Izvestia, "continues to direct its efforts toward dismemberment of the Belgium group of the Allied army into separate, isolated units."

"The German armies of Generals Reichenau and Koehler, reinforced by motorized and infantry formations, hurriedly moved up from the reserves, are developing a concentrated offensive on Lille from the Courtrai-Tournai and Lens-Bethune sectors.

ALLIES FACE TRAP

"The German troops" attacking from the Lens-Bethune front reached La Bassée Canal yesterday (Monday). Thus, the salient into which the Germans penetrated, in which the big industrial center and railroad junction of Lille is located, is only 35 to 40 kilometers (21 to 25 miles) wide.

"If the Allies fail to halt the further advance of the Germans in this district, the French troops and their motorized divisions trapped in the Lille-Nouai-Bethune

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Swiss Military Laws Extended to Civilians

BERNE, May 28.—(UP)—The Swiss Federal Council issued new emergency decrees today extending certain clauses of the military penal code to civilians. A decree provided imprisonment for spreading rumors. The death penalty was ordered for high treason or sabotage. Normally this is invoked only in time of war.

Italian Stocks Up

ROME, May 28.—(UP)—Italian security prices advanced impressively under lead of mercury shares today, regaining practically all the ground lost in the setback of the past few sessions.

Belgian Troops Had No Bullets, King Says

Reveals That His Troops Were Starving on Biscuit Rations

WAR SUMMARY

With the decimated Belgian Army surrendered to the Germans by King Leopold, the 400,000 British and French troops in the encircled pocket of north France and west Belgium are trying to withdraw, it was announced last night by the British Government.

The Germans admitted that the Allies in the great loop where they are encircled are putting up "extraordinarily stiff resistance" and expected German losses to be quite high.

The Germans claimed the surrender of 500,000 Belgian troops but a French military spokesman said there will not more than 300,000 Belgian "effectives" within the Flanders trap.

Other quarters, including the Petit Parisien's military expert placed the surrendering Belgian army at about 250,000 men and said that of 21 divisions 19 days ago the Belgians had only 15 left because of terrific casualties.

The Germans claimed the Reich troops were hammering from the north on the outskirts of Roubaix, only six miles from the French industrial and railroad center of Lille, while another column stabbing up from the south was 12 miles from the city. Attacks by the French troops along the Somme River front were admitted, but the Germans said they were futile.

DOING UTMOST—COOPER

Alfred Duff-Cooper, the British Minister of Information (Propaganda), declared in a radio broadcast that the British and French forces are "doing their utmost" to escape from the trap. He also warned against any "wedge of prejudice" between Britain and France—meaning possibility of a separate peace between France and Germany. "We have not lost the war tonight," said Duff-Cooper, who expressed confidence in an Allied victory.

Just a few hours before British Prime Minister Winston Churchill had declared that "hard and heavy tidings" were to be expected. Military leaders said that only a successful Allied counter-offensive northward from the Somme, where the French Army is massed along an 80-mile front, can save the Allies' army in the north.

In order to relieve the position of the British and French forces in the pocket, waves of British planes were reported by the London Air Ministry to be furiously bombing "military objectives" in large German cities. In the last 24 hours at least 100 German planes have been shot down, said the Air Ministry, and Duesseldorf, Bremen, Hamburg, Dortmund and Cologne have been raided.

CURTAINS OF BOMBS

In Paris a military informant said that the Allied planes were dropping "curtains of bombs" to aid the Allied withdrawal.

Military informants in London insisted that the British Expeditionary Force is not a routed, panicky army. German spokesmen, however, boasted that the Belgian surrender had placed the trapped British-French forces in a position in which they must either surrender or "be destroyed in a hopeless fight."

The German High Command said that the Germans were only seven miles from Bruges, less than 10 miles from the coast, and military experts in Berlin expected the breakthrough to the sea at any time. The surrender of the Belgian Army, it was said in Berlin, not only threw open the Channel to the German advance but cracked the

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THE STILETTO BEHIND THE APEX DECISION

An Editorial

BEHIND the concession thrown to the hosiery workers in the Apex decision, the Supreme Court has laid down a principle which is a stiletto in the vitals of the labor movement.

The court declared that the Sherman anti-trust law applies to the trade unions, and thus gives a green light to the union-smashing prosecutions which are an expression of the domestic side of the Roosevelt Administration's war policy. This is the first pronouncement of the court on these prosecutions since Thurman Arnold began carrying out White House orders against labor, and it brings every branch of the Federal government in line with Roosevelt's anti-labor program.

The workers might as well look to the moon as to rely upon the Administration in Washington to defend their hard-won rights. So far as the people generally are concerned, they may be sure that if the Sherman anti-trust law is to be perverted against labor then our civil liberties under the Bill of Rights and the living standards of our people have to withstand a heavy blow.

In the particular suit for damages in the Apex case, the decision was in favor of the Hosiery Workers Union. The case was such a clumsy and flimsy frame-up of the CIO union that the court, with its more subtle reaction,

recoiled. But the court would not have retreated even to this extent, had it not been for the fact that the CIO unions and labor as a whole raised a storm of protest that the court could not ignore.

Labor realized that the medieval unjust \$711,932 fine against the hosiery union was a return of the vicious Danbury Hatters technique, by which 38 years ago the union members had their homes sold over their heads to pay a judgment in favor of the labor-skinning employers. The workers should see with equal clarity that the principle laid down in the Apex decision gives the cloak of "legality" to Roosevelt's present war against the Fur Workers union, the Teamsters, the Electricians, the longshoremen and against all organized labor—both CIO and A. F. of L.

The words of the court are, in fact, directions to the Roosevelt administration on how to carry out its "anti-trust" drive against the unions at the dictation of the trusts. Justice Stone said it must be shown that the union did restrain interstate commerce or affect prices or "intended to restrain commerce," before an anti-trust prosecution will be sustained.

But what doubt can there be that the Department of Justice—in the hands of such "liberal" word-jugglers as Attorney General Jackson and his subordinate Arnold—can doctor its indictments against the trade unions to suit the fancy of their equally "progressive" friends

on the Supreme bench? Already, Arnold has hailed the decision as a go-ahead signal, which means an intensified "anti-trust" campaign against labor.

It was the Roosevelt appointees, the so-called "liberal New Deal" Justices—Black, Reed, Frankfurter, Douglas and Murphy—who supported Stone's opinion. It was they who wielded the stiletto. They are the ones who found the most effective anti-labor ground, while the openly reactionary Hughes, furnished the seeming contrast, though actually he disagreed only as to tactics. All are unanimous on hounding the trade unions to destruction under the anti-trust laws. Watch this. It is a part of the drive toward war.

For 50 years, since the passage of the Sherman anti-trust laws, labor has been challenging and fighting persecutions under these laws, trying to use them against the Wall Street monopolies and trusts for whom the laws were meant. But now at a most crucial moment—when labor is hard-pressed to defend its recent gains, to protect its rights under the Wagner Act, to safeguard the peace and security of the people—it finds itself once more an "anti-trust" victim.

But labor can stem the tide of the Roosevelt-Wall Street war program. It can compel the Supreme Court to reverse itself on the "anti-trust" prosecutions just as it made the court concede favorable rulings in finally upholding the Wagner Act, minimum wage laws, and in outlawing the fine in the Apex case.

The biggest battles are still ahead of organized labor—both CIO and A. F. of L.—in turning back the outrageous anti-trust prosecutions. This requires that the unions take the offensive, first of all by building their ranks stronger than ever. The closest solidarity between the unions of the CIO, the A. F. of L. and the Railroad Brotherhoods, is the way to victory over the Roosevelt Administration's war upon organized labor.

Welcome, Delegates to the Eleventh National Nominating Convention of the Communist Party

Germans Seek to Isolate Allied Troops--Izvestia

Aim at Breaking Up Enemy Forces Into 'Separate Units'

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zui-de-sac are threatened by complete encirclement. This fact has been taken into account by the Allied Command.

"The withdrawal of French troops during the night of May 26-27 from the Valenciennes sector beyond the Escaut River was apparently undertaken with the objective of gradually withdrawing the units from the encirclement planned by the Germans.

"It is noteworthy that the French armored divisions which repeatedly, from May 24 to 26, tried to break through Arras and Cambrai to the south to join the main forces have halted their counter-attacks. It is possible that they too have already been taken out of this district and concentrated north of Lille.

"The German troops, which have intensified their attacks in the direction of Roulers and Ypres, are evidently striving to emerge on the coast between Ostend and Dunkirk and to cut off the Belgian troops from the British expeditionary force.

USE POLISH TACTICS

"Here an attempt is being made to apply the experience gained in routing the Polish army by sections. As is known, the German armies in Poland simultaneously dealt concentrated blows from East Prussia, Pomerania and Silesia as a result of which the Polish army group and the troops operating in the Danzig corridor were surrounded and destroyed.

"During May 27, the situation of the Allies' Belgian group became more difficult. This was indicated in particular by the departure of the Belgian Government to Britain.

"On May 27 the British air forces displayed particularly great activity, undertaking extensive and active operations against the attacking German armies. With the object of preventing the transport of reserves to the front of military operations, the British air force bombed bridges on the Lys River and in other zones of the military operations of the Belgians.

THREAT TO BRITAIN

With the same object in view, the Allied air forces bombed trains carrying German troops and motorized units as well as the German airport north of Dortmund. The German air forces on their part bombed ports of the English Channel and the coast, airports in the area of Paris and marching French columns south of Reims.

"The emergence of the German troops on the Channel coast and their seizure of the important ports of Boulogne and particularly Calais brings closer the day of possible operations of the German Army directly against Britain.

"In this connection, reports have been published to the effect that the Germans are preparing to mount long-range artillery on the French and Belgian coasts. Should this be done, it would permit the Germans to bring the British coast defenses under fire and would facilitate operations in landing troops.

France Ousts Officials for Deserting Posts

Germans in Paris Are Ordered Jailed By Authorities

PARIS, May 28 (UP)—The Official Journal today published a decree suspending from their functions the police commissioners for Lille and Valenciennes, six other police functionaries in northern provinces and the mayors of Valenciennes and Neuville in the Meuse Department.

"They left their posts before receiving evacuation orders and thus in the present circumstances failed in their duty," the decree stated.

The Ministry of Marine suspended 14 functionaries of various French ports.

Germans, men still living in Paris were ordered to go immediately to Buffalo Stadium, and German women to the Palais Des Sports Stadium, for identification and transportation to concentration camps. Austrians must conform to the same regulation.

The Ministry of the Interior has asked the extension of France's army zone, which already embraces Paris, to 10 more departments. Military tribunals have supplanted civil courts in dealing with crimes against the safety of the state.

Pravda Reveals British Propaganda in Estonia

Soviet Pact Saved Estonia from War, But Ruling Circles Prefer Not to Mention the Fact; Anti-Soviet Rumors Circulate Widely

(Wireless to the Daily Worker)

MOSCOW, May 28.—An interesting account of the present situation in Estonia and of British and American imperialist machinations against both Germany and the Soviet Union is given today in Pravda by a correspondent at Tallinn, the Estonian capital.

"The recent events in Europe," wrote the correspondent, "have attracted the keen attention of the various strata of the Estonian population.

"Unlike a great number of Estonian newspapers, a certain section of the Estonian intellectuals consider Germany's occupation of Denmark and Norway, her invasion of Holland and Belgium, as aggression, as subjugation of small nations. This section of the intellectuals is preaching loyalty to England and expresses hatred for Germany and all things German.

"In business circles the opinion prevails that trade with Germany was more profitable than with the USSR, and that British goods are superior to the German.

"A section of the Estonian intellectuals which is hostilely inclined towards Germany spreads rumors that the friendship between Germany and the USSR is not durable but is temporary, that war between these two countries is inevitable and that this will bring suffering to the Estonian people. Certain people propagating similar sentiments are connected by various ties with the British and American legations.

INVENTS RUMORS

"Pro-British propaganda is carried on also in Tartu University, where a certain Harris is engaged as a teacher of English commercial correspondence courses. He receives his salary from England. Harris' teaching activities are mainly concentrated on winning over the faculty of the university and gathering information about the USSR.

"Similar 'activity' is also being performed by Holm, Secretary of the Estonian-Soviet Chamber of Commerce. He particularly distinguishes himself in fabricating diverse anti-Soviet rumors.

"The Estonian ruling circles are attempting to be neutral toward the present events in the West. The statements in their speeches neither condemn nor approve Germany's actions and in general try to avoid mention of the Soviet Union.

"They consider that the mutual

assistance pact saved Estonia from war, but there is no need to mention it. Trade with the USSR helps Estonia to conduct a normal economic existence but the less said about it the better, and it should be only spoken of by those whose government duty it is to do so. Statistics on foreign trade between the USSR and Estonia, for instance, are not published.

"All these precautions indicate a desire to conceal from public opinion the role of the USSR for Estonia, indicates their fear of Britain for its relations with the USSR."

1,000 Killed In Japanese Plane Raids

500 Bombs Poured on Chungking; Foreign Embassies Hit

CHUNGKING, China, May 28 (UP)—Japanese airplanes in a raid today dropped about 500 bombs on a mile square area of Chungking which contains key government organizations and foreign embassies. It was estimated by Chinese that 1,000 persons were killed or wounded.

About 100 Japanese airplanes participated in the raid, the third in three days. Total casualties in the three raids was said by Chinese officials to be at least 2,000.

An estimated 700 houses were demolished and 1,000 damaged by today's raid.

The bombs fell within 10 yards of the Soviet Embassy and 20 yards from the French Embassy. Both were damaged slightly.

The hotel where foreign news- paper correspondents live was damaged by concussion but all correspondents escaped injury. Two German and two French houses were destroyed.

Chinese sources said five Japanese planes were shot down.

The War Came to Them



REFUGEES—TWO OF THE FIVE MILLION: Faces, both old and young, tell the story of the horror of the imperialist slaughter for the people of belligerent nations. Photo shows Belgian refugee mother and child.

China Leader Says Foe Is Rapidly Weakening

General Declares Japan, After Series of Costly Defeats, Is No Longer Able to Conduct Major Operation

(Wireless to the Daily Worker)

CHUNGKING, May 28.—The recent successes of the Chinese forces on the Central China front prove that the Japanese are no longer in a position to undertake major operations, declared General Ho Ying-ching, Chinese Minister of War, in an interview with the press yesterday.

General Ho declared that the Japanese Command had concentrated in this district six divisions, the 30th Brigade, two heavy artillery brigades, two tank regiments, two chemical battalions and other units in order to carry out their plan of capturing Sianyang and Fancheng in northern Hupeh and Nanyang in southern Honan. In addition the Japanese brought up puppet government troops, which proved completely ineffective.

The Chinese Command had full knowledge of the plans of the Japanese offensive, and aimed at enclosing the advancing Japanese troops in a pioneer movement. In one instance the Chinese forces allowed a Japanese motorized unit to advance, destroyed the roads behind its lines and cut it off from its supply bases.

At present severe fighting proceeds southeast of Tsao-yang, where the enemy is encircled. The Chinese control all the Japanese roads of retreat.

CHINA CONFIDENT

The Japanese suffered the heaviest losses during its retreat from Tanho in southern Honan, where they abandoned a large amount of supplies. Operations continue in Hupeh and Honan.

In conclusion General Ho Ying-

ching declared that the success scored on the Central China front enhanced the confidence of the nation and the army in the final victory.

The Chief of the Political Department of the Military Council of the Chinese Army General Chen Cheng, expressed the opinion that during the fighting in Hupeh and Honan, the Japanese lost 55,000 killed and wounded, 2,600 horses, 80 tanks and 2,000 motor trucks, part of which were destroyed and captured by the Chinese.

General Chen declared that the success of the Chinese forces proves that the Japanese are no longer in a position to undertake major operations. These successes also testify to the high fighting efficiency of the Chinese troops and to the improvement in the strategic and tactical plans of the Chinese Command.

Pope Confers with Spanish Ex-King

VATICAN CITY, May 28.—(UP)—Pope Pius XII granted private audience today to ex-King Alfonso of Spain who later conferred with Luigi Cardinal Maglione, Papal Secretary of State.

Toledano Renews Mexico Labor's Pledge for Peace

Cardenas in Press Statement Says Mexico Will Continue 'Absolute Neutrality'; Denies Press Lies

By Alfred Miller

(Special to the Daily Worker)

MEXICO CITY, May 28.—"The Mexican working class does not want the victory of Hitler over Europe; nor the triumph of British imperialism, but it wants a new order in Europe, a democratic order, a democracy of and by the workers," Vicente Lombardo Toledano, speaking at the meeting of the National Council of the Party of the Mexican Revolution (PRM) at the Palace of Fine Arts, declared here.

"We want a free Europe without tyranny, without the dictatorship of finance imperialism, without Hitler and Chamberlain, without Franco and Reynaud. We want a France luminous and bright as in the past, that will return to raise the humanist spirit and will aid to build a new civilization but without decaying Social-Democracy, without corrupt and enfeebled men, without leaders like Blum, doting and lacking creative stimulus," the General Secretary of the Mexican Confederation of Labor said.

"Summing up his speech, he brilliantly outlined the position of the Mexican people in the present holocaust.

A PEOPLES ORDER

"We want a France," he said, "which once again will shake the continents of the earth, which will raise men to a level of true liberty and bring about a new glorious phase in the destinies of the world."

"We want an England that will be the creator of a new technique, a Germany that will be really great, not that of Hitler, not that of oppression, not that of Germany where Goethe's Faust is burned and which is the shame of the world. We want a Germany that will give us more men like Goethe."

Similarly he spoke about Italy. He emphasized that the people of Mexico do not want colonial and semi-colonial countries anywhere on this earth.

"We want freedom of action, respect for the autonomy of China, the autonomy of India and of all the colonial and semi-colonial countries of the world," he said.

"And for America we want respect, freedom, peace and work. America can be and will be, if it does not enter the war, a great reservoir for the future world. America and the American countries, and within these proletarian and the progressive forces, will be an important factor at the hour when the old European world is being rebuilt.

PEACE FOR MEXICO

"For this task, for this destiny that is facing us, we must defend the peace of Mexico; we must ask the cooperation of progressive America for the reconstruction of the world, for the creation of a new regime on earth which will respect justice and make men better in every respect."

"For this reason we want

peace," he closed. "For this reason we are the enemies of disorder. We enjoy liberty and we shall not lose it."

CITES PRM AIMS

General Heriberto Jara, President of the PRM, declared in his speech that "the political organization of a people is determined by the forms of its economic organization."

"The postulate of the PRM is: for a workers' democracy as opposed to Almazan's program of a 'democracy of the exploiters and idlers,'" Jara declared.

General Adrian Castrejon, speaking for the army, said that the Mexican Army is well prepared to give the death blow to any effort of the "Almazan traitors" to rise against the people.

"Listen well, you traitors," he said, "this army will not play your game. The Mexican Army emanates from the people. It is the blood of the people, it is paid by the people and will serve the people loyally."

Graciano Sanchez, general secretary of the National Confederation of Peasants (CNC) assured the PRM Council that the peasants are ready for the victory of the revolution and their candidate Avila Camacho.

CARDENAS REAFFIRMS NEUTRALITY

"Many times before, the peasants of Mexico have shown that they are able to quash any effort to rob them of the fruits of their struggles and sacrifices and they will do so again," he said.

Mexico will continue her position of 'absolute neutrality in the

German Ship Sails

BELEM, Brazil, May 28.—(UP)—The 6,400-ton German freighter Koenigsberg sailed for an undisclosed destination today with a cargo of rubber, wood and hides.

UNDER FIRE -

By Henri Barbusse

SYNOPSIS

The men go through a routine day in the front line trench and start it by finding the body of a lost comrade—but that is routine too. They stumble through mud and filth to their dugout and sit in the clammy quarters, some trying to sleep, some swapping stories, others playing cards and arguing interminably. And all of them listen to the pounding of their own batteries and wait for the inevitable return fire which they all know will come, but which no one speaks about.

"Then at five o'clock as we were coming out of the barracks, our two marvels butt in again and plank themselves in front of the swaddies coming out, trying to spot some little thing not quite so, and he said, 'Ah, my bucks, you thought you'd score off me by complaining of this excellent soup that I have consumed myself along with my partner here; just wait and see if I don't get even with you. Hey, you with the long hair, the tall artist, come here a minute!'"

All the time the beast was jawing, his bag-o-bones—as straight and thin as a post—went 'wul, wul' with her head.

"That depends; if he hadn't a trump, it's another matter."

"But all of a sudden we see her go white as a sheet, she puts her fist on her tummy and she shakes like all that, and then suddenly, in front of all the fellows that filled the square, she drops her umbrella and starts spewing!"

"Hey, listen!" says Paradis, sharply, "they're shouting in the trench. Don't you hear? Isn't it 'alarm!' they're shouting?"

"Alarm? Are you mad?"

The words were hardly said when a shadow comes in through the low doorway of our dug-out

and cries—"Alarm, 22nd! Stand to arms!"

A moment of silence and then several exclamations. "I knew it," murmurs Paradis between his teeth, and he goes on his knees towards the opening into the mole-hill that shelters us. Speech then ceases and we seem to be struck dumb. Stooping or kneeling we bestir ourselves; we buckle on our waist-bells; shadowy arms dart from one side to another; pockets are rummaged. And we issue forth pell-mell, dragging our knapsacks behind us by the straps, our blankets and pouches.

Outside we are defeated. The roar of gunfire has increased a hundredfold, to left, to right, and in front of us. Our batteries give voice without ceasing.

"Do you think they're attacking?" ventures a man. "How should I know?" replies another voice with irritated brevity.

Our jaws are set and we swallow our thoughts, hurrying, bustling, colliding, and grumbling without words.

A command goes forth—"Shoulder your packs!"—"There's a counter-command—" shouts an officer who runs down the trench with great strides, working his elbows, and the rest of his sentence disappears with him. A counter-command! A visible tremor has run through the files, a start which uplifts our heads and holds us all in extreme expectation.

But no; the counter-order only concerns the knapsacks. No pack; but the blanket rolled round the body, and the trenching tool at the waist. We unbuckle our blankets, tear them open and roll them up. Still no word is spoken; each has a steadfast eye and the mouth forcefully shut. The corporals and sergeants go here and there, feverishly spurring the silent haste in which the men

are bowed: "Now then, up! Come, come, what the hell are you doing? Will you hurry yes or no?"

A detachment of soldiers with a badge of crossed axes on their sleeves clear themselves a fairway and swiftly delve holes in the wall of the trench. We watch them sideways as we don our equipment.

"What are they doing, those chaps?"—"It's to climb up by."

We are ready. The men marshal themselves, still silently, their blankets crosswise, the helmet-strap on the chin, leaning on their rifles. I look at their pale, contracted, and reflective faces. They are not soldiers, they are men. They are not adventurers or warriors, or made for human slaughter, neither butchers nor artisans whom one recognizes in their uniforms. They are civilians unproved, and they are ready. They await the signal for death or murder; but you may see, looking at their faces between the vertical gleams of their bayonets, that they are simply men.

Each one knows that he is going to take his head, his chest his belly, his whole body, and all naked, up to the rifles pointed forward, to the shells, to the bombs piled and ready, and above all to the methodical and almost infallible machine-guns—to all that is waiting for him yonder and is now so frightfully silent—before he reaches the other soldiers that he must kill. They are not careless of their lives, like brigands, nor blinded by passion like savages. In spite of the doctrines with which they have been cultivated they are not inflamed. They are above instinctive excesses. They are not drunk, either physically or morally. It is in full consciousness, as in full health and full strength, that they are massed there to hurl

themselves once more into that sort of madman's part imposed on all men by the madness of the human race. One sees the thought and the fear and the farewell that there is in their silence, their stillness, in the mask of tranquility which unnaturally grips their faces. They are not the kind of hero one thinks of, but their sacrifice has greater worth than they who have not seen them will ever be able to understand.

They are waiting; a waiting that extends and seems eternal. Now and then one or another starts a little when a bullet, fired from the other side, skims the forward embankment that shields us and plunges into the flabby flesh of the rear wall.

The end of the day is spreading a sublime but melancholy light on that strong unbroken mass of beings of whom one only will live to see the night. It is raining—there is always rain in my memories of all the tragedies of the great war. The evening is making ready, along with a vague and chilling menace; it is about to set for men that snare that is as wide as the world.

New orders are peddled from mouth to mouth. Bombs strung on wire hoops are distributed—"Let each man take two bombs!"

The major goes by. He is restrained in his gestures, in undress, girded, undecorated. We hear him say, "There's something good, mes enfants, the Boches are clearing out. You'll get along all right, eh?"

News passes among us like a breeze. "The Moroccans and the 21st Company are in front of us. The attack is launched on our right."

The corporals are summoned

to the captain, and return with armfuls of steel things. Bertrand is fingering me; he hooks something on to a button of my great-coat. It is a kitchen knife. "I'm putting this on to your coat," he says.

"Me too!" says Pepin.

"No," says Bertrand. "It's forbidden to take volunteers for these things."

"Be damned to you!" growls Pepin.

We wait, in the great rainy and shod-hammered space that has no other boundary than the distant and tremendous cannonade. Bertrand has finished his distribution and returns. Several soldiers have sat down, and some of them are yawning.

The cyclist Billette slips through in front of us, carrying an officer's waterproof on his arm and obviously averting his face. "Hullo, aren't you going too?" Cocon cries to him.

"No, I'm not going," says the other. "I'm in the 17th. The Fifth Battalion's not attacking!"

"Ah, they've always got the luck, the Fifth. They've never got to fight like we have!" Billette is already in the distance, and a few grimaces follow his disappearance.

A man arrives running, and speaks to Bertrand, and then Bertrand turns to us—

"Up you go," he says. "It's our turn."

All move at once. We put our feet on the steps made by the sappers, raise ourselves, elbow to elbow, beyond the shelter of the trench, and climb on the parapet.

(To be continued tomorrow)

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Foes of Labor Are Real 'Fifth Column' Rieve Tells ILGWU

ILGWU Delegates Warned to Beware Against Drive to Repeat Palmer Raids; Red Baiting Frowned On

By George Morris

Emile Rieve, President of the Textile Workers Union of the CIO yesterday warned the 650 delegates at the 40th Anniversary Convention of the International Ladies Garment Workers Union, against a "mob psychology that shall bring back the Palmer raids" and declared that reactionaries are the "most dangerous fifth column" in the United States.

His remarks touched off a live applause from many delegates and at times general ovations, indicating that not the entire convention is swallowing the war hysteria exhortation of its leaders hook line and sinker.

Rieve's speech came as the delegates still felt the sour taste of a "greeting" by Alex Rose, Secretary of the American Labor Party, in which he called for "suppression" of the Communist Party and denounced Rep. Marston for casting the lone vote against Roosevelt's war program. That sort of greeting was received coldly by delegates.

The convention entered its regular sessions at Carnegie Hall yesterday. Following the naming of committees, the speeches made up the rest of the proceedings.

MORE RED-BAITING

Magistrate Jacob Panken, who was introduced as the "Socialist Judge," and Morris Feinstein, Secretary of the United Hebrew Trades, delivered similar red-baiting addresses, but couched their remarks in less blunt terms.

Mayor La Guardia greeted the delegates in behalf of the City. Mrs. Rose Schneiderman, New York State Secretary of Labor, once associated with the ILGWU, stressed the danger that now faces hard-won social legislation.

"Let us not lend ourselves to the creation of a mob psychology," said Rieve "that shall bring back the Palmer raids, or alien and sedition laws that shall make criminals of innocent people."

"Let us not fan the fires of racial and national intolerance. Organized labor must not help to feed a monster, which shall turn to destroy labor."

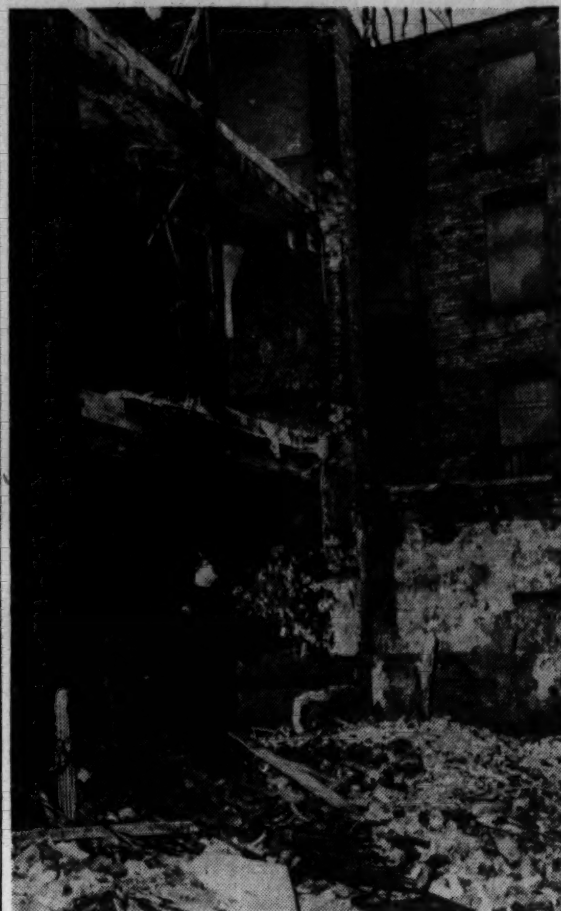
DIES CONDEMNED

"I for one can have no confidence in any investigation whether it be directed towards aliens, fifth columns or any other objective, so long as it is directed by Martin Dies."

Warning that the aim of the fifth column hysteria by "Garner's fair-haired boy is destruction of organized labor," Rieve said, "but I for one, also believe that the most dangerous fifth column our society harbors today is the industrial and political reactionaries who lurk in every dark alley to destroy labor and liberty."

Rieve also received applause

Tenement-Playground Collapses



Rear view of five-story condemned tenement at 284 Mott St. which collapsed yesterday. Two of the three young boys playing in the empty lot when the accident happened, managed to escape uninjured. The third, Charles Bosman, 11, was sent to the hospital with severe injuries. The empty lot is used as a playground by the neighborhood children.

Tenant League Opens 'War on Slums' Drive

The East Side Tenants League launched a vigorous campaign for housing legislation at an open meeting last Sunday night at 143 Suffolk St.

"War on the Slums" was adopted as the campaign slogan, in calling for passage of S-591, the \$800,000, 000 Wagner Housing Act; and for legislation by the City Council to use available funds for projects immediately.

In addition, the City Housing Authority is called on to submit plans for new projects. Because the Authority has failed to do this, housing money was recently turned over to the city's General Fund to be used to balance the budget.

"We cannot afford to forfeit any housing money," asserted Helen Appel, Chairman of the East Side Tenants League. "The Housing crisis is still as acute as it ever was, and slum conditions are worse than ever. In the face of this, the Housing and Currency Committee of the House of Representatives has failed to report out S-591. Unless they report out this bill there will be no new Federal projects for the coming year. This would be disastrous to our housing program and to our people. The fact that 14,000 families applied to the Housing Authority for the 1,700 apartments which are available in the Federal Houses indicates the need for low cost housing. The East Side needs at least one more project immediately."

"Our legislators seem to forget that they were elected on a New Deal program calling for a greater social budget. While they appropriate billions for war, they offer only lip service to housing. They must be reminded that their constituents need housing now; that they remember the campaign slogans calling for social measures and peace."

"The people of the East Side will show their awareness of these facts by a broad petition and letter-writing campaign; by street meetings and parades and by visits to the offices of councilmen and Congressmen, pressing for passage of S-591 and other housing legislation."

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Mott St. House Collapses; One Child Injured

Boy Caught Under Wall; Condemned Area Only Playground

The entire back wall of a condemned five-story tenement at 284 Mott St. collapsed at 11 A. M. yesterday, trapping three young boys playing in an empty lot at the rear of the house. Scores of parents hurried to the spot fearing that their children were buried under the debris.

Out of the wreckage of the 50-foot rear wall crawled a blood-stained dog which barked, ran to a spot and started digging. Firemen and volunteers dug out Charles Bosman, 11, who was taken to Columbus Hospital with serious injuries.

ONE ESCAPES

Charles said he had been playing with Salvatore Musella, 11. Diggers failed to find him. He was later found at home shaking with fear after he had managed to escape the falling bricks.

The empty lot on Elizabeth St. behind the collapsed house was the only playground for the children in the neighborhood for blocks around. Hundreds of children were forced to play amid the dirt and refuse after school.

"Had the wall fallen later in the afternoon, my boy might have been hurt too," an Italian woman said to a group of parents looking at the wreckage. "Where else could they play?" she asked.

BLAME CITY GOVERNMENT

Situated in one of the most depressed areas in the city, the collapsed house is one of many condemned on the block.

Donald Schoonman, executive secretary of the City Wide Tenants Council, placed the blame for the accident on the city administration.

He said, "We will ask for an immediate investigation to determine the reasons for the collapse of this tenement building and for swift prosecution of the guilty party."

"The City Wide Tenants Council has been campaigning for clearing up all violations. But the City Department of Housing and Building and the City administration have been negligent in the prosecution of landlords who have been violating the law."

"We place the blame for this collapse not only on the owner of this building, but on the negligent City administration."

Dionne Quintuplets Celebrate 6th Birthday

CALLANDER, Ont., May 28 (UP).—The Dionne quintuplets, Yvonne, Emilie, Cecile, Annette and Marie, were six years old today, and they celebrated the event with a joyous and noisy birthday party following a special mass at D'Arcy hospital.

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Attention, N. Y. Comrades Who Will House Delegates

The out of town delegates to the 11th National Convention of the Communist Party will arrive all day and night today and tomorrow. Please see to it that they will be able to get into those homes which have been promised them for lodging during this period. If no one can be there to receive them, please leave a key with the superintendent or janitor and a note on your door, or stuck in your bell.

This is of vital importance. You cannot expect delegates to make more than one trip to your home with their luggage. The Housing Committee thanks you for your trouble.

Milk Drivers Local Pledges Full Support to 807 in Anti-Trust Fight

Local 584 (Unit 3) of the Teamsters, Union, composed of milk drivers employed by Sheffield Farms Co., unanimously passed a resolution pledging moral and financial support to Local 807 in its fight against the "anti-trust" persecution. Secretary - treasurer Murray Zelsler, chairman of the regular membership meeting proposed the resolution to the membership.

Joseph Papa, formerly president of Dairy Food Workers Local 808, and Vincent Ristuccia, formerly trustee of Local 202, were appointed president and secretary-treasurer, respectively, of Local 202, International Brotherhood of Teamsters, by the executive board of the organization.

These changes were made necessary by the recent conviction for extortion of Al Mangano and Sol Shuster, officials of the local. While it is too soon to say that a fighting, progressive leadership has come to the front, there are signs of greater enforcement of the contract by the new executive board. The new officials are being watched carefully by the membership and by the labor movement as a whole for a sub-

stantial cleaning, better conditions, and democracy for the workers in the food markets of Greater New York.

NEW ANTI-TRUST TRIAL SCHEDULED FOR JUNE 6
The Roosevelt administration's persecution of labor will continue when the trial of Local 282, International Brotherhood of Teamsters, Chauffeurs, Stevedores, and Helpers, and the International Longshoremen's Association is scheduled to open in the Federal Court on June 6.

John O'Rourke, secretary-treasurer of Local 282, Joseph P. Ryan, president of the IILA and nine other officials of both labor unions were indicted a few months ago for alleged violation of the "anti-trust" laws.

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Rank, File AFL Painters Nominate Weinstock

Outstanding Leader to Battle for District Council 9 Leadership Against Zausner

Louis Weinstock, outstanding leader of the A. F. of L. Painters Rank and File was nominated for the post of Secretary-Treasurer of District Council 9 at the meeting of his local, No. 848 at Yorkville Labor Lyceum Monday night.

The vote of the local's membership for a majority to place the nominee on the general ballot, will take place next Monday night.

Louis Stevens, also member of Local 848 and present secretary-treasurer of the council, was not nominated and is definitely out of the running for re-election. Instead, the reactionary forces of the local advanced the nomination of Mark Jackson. The latter's acceptance speech was received very coldly with only a spattering of applause. Weinstock's acceptance speech was greeted with a general ovation, obviously indicating that his return to the office he held for two and one half years is awaited with interest.

STEVENS FAILS

The administration of Stevens, which came into office by a majority of less than 200 votes a year ago, has so disappointed even many of his own supporters that plans to boost a re-election campaign had to be abandoned. The general election for secretary-treasurer with seven to eight thousand of the affiliated members

expected to cast ballots, will take place on June 29.

Jackson's candidacy in Local 848 appeared only formal and doomed by all indications. The real opponent to Louis Weinstock for the post, is expected to be Phillip Zausner whom the reactionaries are reviving as their candidate. Zausner was secretary-treasurer and the whip of the ill-famed regime that was ousted from office in 1936 by the Rank and File under Weinstock's leadership. Zausner is supported by the Social Democratic clique in the union and the Jewish Daily Forward.

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British Seek Path Out of Flanders

300,000 Troops Give Up At Belgian King's Order

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spine of all Allied resistance on the Continent as well.

The High Command also claimed that the Germans were knifing through the Allied defenses on the eastern arc of the great loop enclosing the Allied forces in the north. The German communiqué said the Reich army smashed through French fortifications along a long line in the Valenciennes area, capturing Douai, Orchies, La Bassée, Merville, Hazebrouk and Bourbourg. The High Command said the Germans had passed Thieul, 18 miles south of Bruges and seven miles west of the Lys River.

BOMB HARBOURS
The High Command said that the German air force had continued to bomb Zeebrugge, Ostend, Nieuport and Dunkirk harbors, along with railroad lines and ships in the harbors. It said that an enemy destroyer was "hit severely" by a bomb in the English Channel and that a speedboat sank an enemy transport of 3,000 tons.

The Belgian refugee government members in Paris disowned Leopold because of his surrender and said that a new Belgian Army would be raised to fight alongside the British-French allies. Belgian Premier Hubert Pierlot formally repudiated Leopold's surrender, saying that a rump session of the Belgian parliament in Paris had deprived the monarch of his throne and released all Belgian soldiers and officials from their allegiance to him.

It was announced in France that hostilities between the Belgian and German troops ended at 4 A. M. yesterday. Allied leaders expressed hope that part of the Belgian Army would rebel against Leopold's order and continue to fight.

KING NOT CAPTIVE

Leopold's whereabouts were unknown in Paris but it was established that he was not a prisoner of the Germans when he surrendered the Belgian Army. The Germans said a palace would be offered to Leopold as a residence.

It was said in Paris that the King decided to capitulate after informing Allied leaders that his troops were in desperate straits, subsisting on meagre rations of hard biscuits for days and in many instances completely without ammunition. When visited by General Maxime Weygand on Saturday at Bruges, Leopold told the Allied generalissimo that the Belgians could no longer hold out unless "substantial new assistance" was received from the British and French.

Churchill told the House of Commons that Leopold sent an emissary Monday to the German Command asking for suspension of fighting on the Belgian front. As a result, Churchill added, the French and British governments immediately instructed their generals to disassociate themselves from that request. The Prime Minister said he had "no intention to suggest that we should at this moment pass judgment on the action of the King of the Belgians in his capacity as commander in chief of the Belgian army."

FRENCH BOMB COLUMNS
Last night's French High Command communiqué said that Leopold's decision "enabled the enemy to strengthen pressure in the north of the Belgian and French troops" and added:

"Combats developing favorably for our troops continue on the Somme."

"Our bombing squadrons pursued their action against enemy airfields and marching columns during the day and night."

"There is nothing important to report on the remainder of the front."

Canadian Gov't Spurs War Drive

OTTAWA, Ont., May 28.—(UP)—Canada today stepped up her war effort under a series of emergency measures announced by Prime Minister Mackenzie King.

Army recruiting offices will be thrown open, some 50,000 additional men placed in training for overseas service, the air training plan accelerated and a second home guard formed.

In addition, there was much talk of possible conscription of both men and resources, although parliament has not yet officially considered such measures.

A CORRECTION

On page 5 of yesterday's Daily Worker a story on a meeting of the Community Peace Congress referred to a "Communist Peace Congress" through a typographical error. The Daily Worker regrets this error.

War Bulletins

BELGIAN KING DETHRONED

PARIS, May 28.—(UP)—Belgian Premier Hubert Pierlot today said that the refugee Belgian senators and deputies holding a rump session of the Belgian parliament had deprived King Leopold III of his throne and that all Belgian soldiers and officials have been released from their oath of allegiance to him because of his surrender of his army.

There are large Belgian forces now training in France and from these, said Pierlot, a "new army will be raised and organized."

SEA PATH OPEN, BERLIN SAYS

BERLIN, May 28.—(UP)—German spokesman boasted tonight that the Belgian surrender had opened a clear path to the sea for the German army and said the trapped British-French forces must now surrender or "be destroyed in a hopeless fight."

The High Command said that the Germans were only seven miles from Bruges, less than 10 miles from the coast. Military experts expected the break through to the sea at any time.

ALLIED TROOPS SEEK ESCAPE

LONDON, May 28.—(UP)—The Allied army of 400,000 British and French troops is attempting to withdraw from the Belgian-French pocket of encirclement as result of King Leopold's sudden surrender of the Belgian army, the government announced tonight in a radio broadcast.

Stripped of the support of 500,000 Belgian troops by King Leopold's move, the British and French forces are "doing their utmost" to escape from the pocket, Minister of Information Alfred Duff Cooper told the British people.

CLAIM 109 GERMAN PLANES

LONDON, May 28.—(UP)—Waves of British warplanes striving to relieve German blows against the Allied army cut off north of the Somme are furiously bombing military objectives in large German cities deep behind the fighting lines, an Air Ministry communiqué said tonight.

In the past 24 hours, it was said, at least 100 German planes have been destroyed or badly damaged in the violent war in the air.

BERLIN RIDICULES PIERLOT

BERLIN, May 28.—(UP)—German official quarters tonight ridiculed Belgian Premier Hubert Pierlot's radio address repudiating King Leopold's surrender of the Belgian army.

The Germans accused "English agents" of trying to force the Belgians on to new, futile resistance as in the case of Norway.

BERLIN, May 28.—(UP)—The German radio tonight served an ultimatum upon French troops encircled in the Belgian-French Channel pocket to surrender immediately "or face certain annihilation."

Speaking in French, the announcer directed his plea solely to the French soldiers among the 400,000 or more Allied troops and made no mention of the British Expeditionary Force.

Aircraft Union C.P. Parley Condemns War Hysteria

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the tremendous war profits into the community by increased purchasing power of Boeing workers.

Unless the increase is awarded, Lundquist pointed out, the profits will enter investment vaults on Wall Street. He cited 1937 figures revealing that the ten largest stockholders in Boeing Aircraft Co. were Wall St. concerns. Lundquist charged that employers are attempting a "cool and calculated" use of national defense to break down living standards of the workers.

DEFENSE OF HOMES

"We as an organization have repeatedly gone on record that our country be adequately defended against invasion," Lundquist declared. "But national defense begins in every member's home. National defense is defense against long hours, hunger and cold. And no war hysteria can convince us to the contrary."

STUDENTS VOTE 16 TO 1 AGAINST ENTERING WAR

SAN DIEGO, May 28.—(ICN)—Ninety-four per cent of the students in San Diego State College this week had emphatically voted "no" to the question:

"Under present conditions should the United States enter the European war as an active fighting agent?"

Roosevelt's war budget, despite the tremendous build-up it has had, received only 15 per cent more votes this time than last year.

U.S.--U.S.S.R. Cooperation for Peace Urged by Round Table Parley Here

"Sincere friendship towards the Soviet Union is an integral part of any national policy of American defense. Now that the war in Europe has greatly disturbed the political equilibrium of Europe and Asia, friendly relations between the U.S. and the U.S.S.R. are becoming of ever increasing importance for the peace and security of the United States."

This statement, made by Thomas L. Harris, Executive Secretary of the American Council on Soviet Relations, at a luncheon Saturday at the Hotel Biltmore under the auspices of the American Council on Soviet Relations, summarizes the trend of discussion at a two-day round table conference.

The conference was attended by a distinguished group of scientists, economists, and students of foreign affairs who discussed Soviet economic and cultural developments and especially problems of the foreign policy of the Soviet Union in their bearing upon the United States.

In the course of the discussion the following points clearly made by many participating in the various panels, have been embodied in a memorial sent to the President

and the Secretary of State:

TEXT OF MEMORIAL

"1. The people of the United States and of the Soviet Union, viewing the present World War as a tragic consequence of the policies of fascism and of those forces that appeased and encouraged fascism, are both interested in its limitation and speediest possible termination."

"2. That whatever defensive measures the Governments of the USSR and of the United States may deem necessary through the exigencies of this war to protect the approaches to their continental domains, it is clearly not in the interests of the people of either country to become belligerents."

"3. A clearer recognition of this principle in the light of current events in Europe should remove from candid minds any misunderstanding of the Soviet Union's foreign policy which has in fact been consistently governed by the need of protecting the approaches to the USSR in order to avoid involvement in the war and which has consistently maintained a neutral position despite the proximity of the war to its own borders."

"4. In spite of profound differences in the economic structure and political system of the two countries, there are no conflicts of interests between the people of the United States and the Soviet Union, and no area in the world where the interests of the two countries clash."

"5. That sincere friendly collaboration between these two great neutral nations, extending their contacts in fields of commerce, science and culture and acting together in the present world crisis, would not only restrict the war's extent and duration, conserve precious values of civilization elsewhere being destroyed, but would contribute towards the reestablishment of peace according to principles of justice between nations."

Among those participating in the discussions of the conference were: Dr. Corliss Lamont, Vilhjalmur Stefansson, Dr. Max Yergan, Thomas L. Harris, Prof. Dorothy Brewster, Prof. H. W. L. Dana, Dr. Dorothy Douglas, Henry Hart, John Hazard, Jessica Smith, Margaret I. Lamont, Darwin J. Meserole, Isabel Walker Soule, Gen. Victor A. Yakubovitch, Maxwell S. Stewart, George Marshall.

5-Week Old Taxi Walkout Is Ended

Promise by LaGuardia to Remedy Conditions Brings Termination

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Mayor LaGuardia and in consideration of assurances that definite measures to remedy the miserable working conditions of employees in the taxicab industry will be initiated very shortly by the city administration, the Taxicab Division of the Transport Workers Union has decided to terminate the strike of Parmelee and Terminal taxi drivers and maintenance employees, effective Tuesday, May 28 at 12:01 A. M.

"We expect the Parmelee and Terminal managements will immediately return all strikers to their respective jobs without discrimination."

"As a result of the Mayor's efforts over the past weekend, a conference between officers of the Transport Workers Union and representatives of the Parmelee and Terminal companies was held Monday together with William H. Davis, chairman of the State Mediation Board. Mr. Davis will arrange for a conference between representatives of the union and the companies with Mayor LaGuardia for Wednesday."

The strike of Parmelee and Terminal drivers and maintenance workers went into effect on April 24 at 2 p. m., following collapse of negotiations between the union and the companies for new contracts. The union had sought an increase in drivers' commissions from 42 and one-half to 45 per cent; 10 per cent wage increase for salaried maintenance employees; vacations with pay; impartial arbitration of dismissals and other job grievances and the closed shop.

FLEETS REFUSED PARLEY

The companies refused to negotiate contracts and subsequently refused settlement of the strike claiming the TWU did not represent the majority of their employees. On May 21 and 22, the State Labor Relations Board conducted elections among the employees of both companies and the Transport Workers Union emerged the victor in both. It was the third time in three years that the TWU had been elected sole bargaining agency by Parmelee and Terminal employees in labor board elections.

Last Friday following the elections, Mayor LaGuardia sought to settle the strike at a conference between union and company representatives at the Summer City Hall in Queens. The union accepted the Mayor's proposal for mediation to be followed by arbitration if no contract agreement could be reached through negotiations. Both the Parmelee and Terminal companies, however, refused. On Saturday, Mayor LaGuardia condemned the companies' refusal, reminded them they were admitted "bribe-givers" and warned that they would not be consulted on legislation regulating the taxi industry which the Mayor expects the City Council will soon enact.

road, auto, textile, lumber, radio, electric, meat packing, transportation, shoe.

A majority of the delegates are employed in industry.

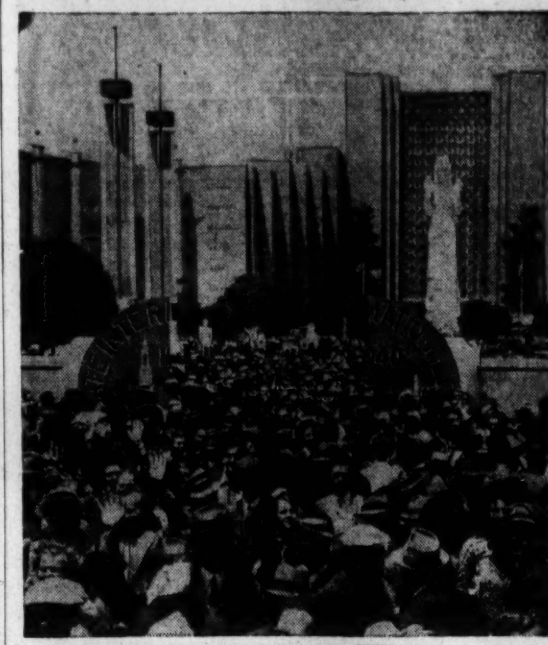
Farmers, middle class groups, the professions, white collar and agricultural workers will be represented.

A great number of delegates will be Negroes.

Women will be a large proportion of the delegates.

More than 60 per cent of the delegates will be members of trade unions.

As Treasure Island Opened



The Golden Gate International Exposition at San Francisco opens its gates for the 1940 season with this scene from the court of the seven seas. A huge crowd is pouring through the gates as the great exposition seal is broken.

Alliance in City Drive For Marcantonio Bill

Emergency Meeting Launches Protest Campaign Against Vicious Amendments Passed By House Last Week

An emergency meeting of job stewards and active workers of the WPA Division of the Workers Alliance decided to begin immediately a mass campaign for the passage of the Pepper-Marcantonio bill in the Senate, and to protest and seek the elimination of vicious and discriminatory amendments passed by the House of Representatives last week.

In a report to the job stewards Morris Kersstein, organizer, pointed out that under the cover of war hysteria, deliberately created by the administration, the Marcantonio bill had been defeated together with every other amendment that sought to revise the worst features of the Woodrum Bill.

Not only had the House of Representatives rejected these amendments, but it had passed two additional measures that went several steps further than the Woodrum Bill.

HIT RED SCARE

It passed an amendment preventing "Communists, Bund members and those who believe in the overthrow of the government" from obtaining employment on WPA.

"This amendment," said Mr. Kersstein, "will only tend to release a witch-hunt on the projects. Any one who dares raise his voice for decent conditions will become a red reactionary supervisor who will take advantage of this clause to terrorize the workers; they will try to split WPA workers into warring camps and are already using the clause of fifth columnists in their attempts to turn the workers one against the other."

"Nor is it accidental," Mr. Kersstein continued, "that on the same day that this amendment was passed, still another one was accepted which provides that single men and women shall work only 65 hours monthly. Twenty-five thousand workers in New York City, 24 per cent of those now on the projects, are affected by this. It means that many of the single workers will receive \$25 a month; or less than they would receive on direct relief. In addition, this amendment will cripple the efficiency of the projects, particularly the white-collar projects."

"Many of these single people are young; apparently the intention is to offer them no choice except the army for those who are eligible. The President's constant concern for the 4,000,000 unemployed youth constantly manifests itself in acceptance of proposals that mean worsening of their conditions and in taking away from them even the opportunity of jobs on WPA."

WILL FIGHT

"We propose to fight these amendments with all our strength. We have started a telegram campaign directed at Senators Wagner and McAd and Senator Cagier Glass, chairman of the Senate Appropriations Committee, urging them to defeat these amendments and to pass the Pepper-Marcantonio Bill which provides for 3,000,000 jobs, prevailing wages and no 18-month clause. We are calling meetings, both open-air and indoor, at all project locations this week. We have called upon the unions, the American Youth Congress, all progressive organizations to support us by passing resolutions and sending telegrams to these Senators."

"We are calling a mass rally on Wednesday evening, June 5, at Manhattan Industrial High School, 22nd St. and Lexington Ave., to which we are inviting many prominent speakers."

NMU LEADERS PROTEST
Frederick N. Myers, organizer of the National Maritime Union and speaker at last Friday's student peace meeting, was one of the many persons who hastened to protest the suspension. In a wire to President Gideonse, Mr. Myers declared:

"The National Maritime Union protests the arbitrary action depriving students of their right to demonstrate for peace and, under guise of 'technical violation,' this attempt to destroy the American Students' Union."

"We emphatically request in the interest of fundamental American rights that the American Students' Union be restored to full rights and privileges."

Another telegram of protest was signed by C. H. Van Tine, director of the Trade Union Peace Committee, who wired President Gideonse: "Suspension of American Students' Union is suspension of freedom of expression. Urge complete restoration of status."

FDR Puts Wall St. Clique In Charge of War Council

Stettinius, Knudsen, Joined by Hillman to Head 'Defense' Council to Herd Working Masses Into War

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sion is to put into effect, prior to an actual declaration of war, the far-reaching and ominous M-Day plans of the war department and the Roosevelt administration.

Edward R. Stettinius, chairman of the board of United States Steel and an important figure in the House of Morgan, will be in charge of coordinating industrial materials up to the point when they are turned into finished products.

William S. Knudsen, president of General Motors Corporation, will have control of industrial production—the actual production of implements used in war from tanks and airplanes to dungarees and uniforms.

Coordinating the nation's entire transportation system for war purposes will be Ralph Budd, chairman of the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy Railroad.

As the one labor man on the Commission, the President appointed Sidney Hillman, president of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers and CIO Vice President, who for some time has been beating the drums on behalf of the President's War program.

Hillman will have charge of employment which will apparently mean whipping large sections of the nation's labor and civilian population into line as part of the Administration's war machine.

HILLMAN "LINK"

The President said that Hillman will have charge of employment in plants, apprenticeship training, teaching CIO boys to do non-combatant work, turning out cooks for the Army and Navy, ground crews for planes, radio and communications men.

Persons close to the White House said that Hillman had been selected because the President considered him half-way between CIO Chief John L. Lewis and A. F. of L. President William Green.

Other members of the Commission will include Chester G. Davis, a member of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve Board, in charge of farm production; Leon Henderson, S.E.C. Commissioner, in charge of prices; and Miss Harriet Elliott, Dean of Women at the University of North Carolina in charge of a function which the President described as "consumer protection."

Secretary of the Commission will be William McReynolds who is now an administrative assistant to the President and will continue in this function.

The only members of the Commission who will serve full time are the two top-flight industrialists, Knudsen and Stettinius.

All other members, the President said, will be on part time with the exception of Hillman who will be expected to give most of his time to his new task of getting the country ready for war.

The six Cabinet officers who according to the National Defense Act of 1916, are members of the Council of National Defense are the Secretaries of War, Navy, Interior, Agriculture, Commerce and Labor.

But the President advised his press conference to forget about the seven-man commission.

It is the Commission apparently which will have the real job of getting the nation ready for participation in a military expedition overseas with loss of time.

Meanwhile, other phases of the Administration's war preparedness program were moving ahead at full speed.

The President announced that new taxes will be levied to cover part of the expense of the gigantic new armaments program.

Instead of putting these taxes on come, the President said that the war profits or on big business income tax will be a ten per cent flat increase on all existing taxes.

Practically the same taxation

proposal was made in the Senate earlier in the day by Senator Harry Byrd of Virginia, ultra-reactionary spokesman for the so-called economy bloc.

This new tax will fall with particular force on Labor and on the consumer since, liquor and cigarette taxes and the like will be increased.

Approximately \$800,000,000 a year will be raised as a result of this ten per cent boost in present taxes.

Following a conference with Treasury officials, Congressional leaders announced that in addition to this move there will also be an Administration-sponsored drive to increase the national debt limit by another \$3,000,000,000 to make possible the Administration's enormous armaments program.

HIT LABOR RIGHTS
Meanwhile, the House passed the Vinson Naval shipbuilding bill which strikes a heavy blow at the labor standards prescribed in the Walsh-Healey Act.

Last week Rep. Carl Vinson of Georgia, Chairman of the House Naval Affairs Committee, made a great show of generosity in eliminating from his bill a provision giving the President power to suspend the Walsh-Healey Act on naval construction. He said that he eliminated this feature of the measure at the request of the President.

It was discovered today that this Administration supported bill contained a joker all the time which actually made the Walsh-Healey Act pretty much inoperative on naval construction.

One provision of the Vinson bill, which was passed by a 400 to one vote today with only Rep. Vito Marcantonio of New York opposing the measure, gives the Secretary of Labor power to suspend competitive bidding and to conclude contracts by negotiations.

But the original Walsh-Healey Act setting up prevailing labor standards on government contracts to be fixed by the Secretary of Labor provides that these standards shall apply only where contracts have been made by competitive bidding.

Therefore, the provision of the Vinson bill giving the Secretary of Navy Power to suspend competitive bidding is enough to throw the Walsh-Healey Act out of the window insofar as it applies to naval construction.

Rep. Arthur Healey of Massachusetts, one of the sponsors of the Walsh-Healey Act, introduced an amendment to the Vinson bill to make the Walsh-Healey Act apply to contracts which are negotiated by the Secretary of the Navy.

Only a handful of four or five Congressmen supported Healey in this effort to preserve the Walsh-Healey Act.

TO LENGTHEN HOURS

Another important feature of the Vinson bill would permit workers in navy yards and in private shipyards to work 48 hours instead of the 40 at present prescribed by law, with time-and-a-half overtime pay for the extra eight hours.

The President is also given authority to raise the hours even beyond 48 if he considers this step necessary.

While labor standards were hard hit by the Vinson bill, armaments manufacturers gained a number of important advantages which will enable them to reap larger profits.

In addition to permitting the Secretary of the Navy to waive competitive bidding, the Secretary is also given power to make an advance of 30 per cent on naval orders and to suspend the 10 per cent profit limitation on naval orders under \$25,000.

Senator Tom Connally of Texas, leader of the forces fighting the Anti-Lynching Bill in the Senate, introduced a bill which would lead toward militarization of American youth by providing military training in C.O.C. camps.

Blood-Boom for Wall Street--War Dividends \$9 Million a Day

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airplanes by \$10,000 per plane on U. S. Government orders, a Congressional Committee was told in March. On top of this, Roosevelt offers millions of dollars of free subsidies to those corporations to build new factories which they will own.

A similar story can be told in chemical, munitions, and allied war industries.

Armament costs have doubled in the U. S. in four years. They will be two billion dollars this year alone. As a result of war orders and war conditions, dividends paid out to Wall Street stockholders from January to March 1940, amounted to \$851,000,000, an increase of \$100,000,000 over last year. In March, the dividends collected by Wall Street stockholders rose by \$32,000,000 to the huge sum of \$252,000,000 in one single month—at the rate of \$9,000,000 a day.

No "war millionaires"? President Roosevelt is kidding the American people.

Welcome, Delegates to the Eleventh National Nominating Convention of the Communist Party

WAUKESHA, WIS., LABOR HITS WAR DRIVE

Adv't in Press Calls Wall St. '5th Column'

Central Labor Union's 'Declaration for Neutrality' Assails War-Mongering False Slogans and Calls for Opposition to War Moves

(Special to the Daily Worker)

WAUKESHA, Wis., May 28.—Charging that the "fifth columnists" are Wall Street and its agents who are using their "great power and wealth to undermine American neutrality," the Waukesha Trades and Labor Council, in a paid advertisement printed in the Waukesha Daily Freeman last Friday, called upon labor to "give leadership in the fight against war."

The statement, headed "Declaration for Neutrality," recalled in its opening paragraph the speech of Senator George W. Norris on the war resolution of April, 1917, when the veteran liberal declared:

COMMAND OF GOLD

"We are going to war upon the command of gold. I feel that we are committing a sin against humanity and against our countrymen. I would like to say to this war god, you shall not coin into gold the life blood of my brethren. I feel that we are about to put the dollar sign upon the American flag."

Declaring that this war, like the last one, is a war "to decide how many millions are to be oppressed by the British and French imperialists and how many by the German imperialists," the Labor Council's statement asks bitterly: "Why is it worse for the German imperialists to drop bombs on Poland than for the British imperialists to drop bombs on Palestine or India? Why is it worse to smash the trade unions in Germany than it is to smash them in France?"

RAPS DIES

Decrying the "Fifth Column" hysteria inaugurated by the Dies, the Declaration points out:

"Today the Dies Committee twists this expression to apply to the foreign-born and the Communists and all who oppose the drive to war. Tomorrow the witch hunt will go on for the secret reds in order to smear the unions and prepare for their suppression."

Outlining the fight which labor must wage against the campaign to involve America in war, the declaration recalls that labor "nationally, as well as internationally, has consistently fought and exposed fascism of all varieties."

"Yet today the newly converted anti-Hitlerites of the Chamberlain-Daladier-Reynaud type call for our blood to stop the monster they created by loans, appeasement and the stab-in-the-back given democracy at Munich and in Spain," the statement emphasized.

LABOR MUST LEAD

"Labor, the best organized section of this 96.5 per cent. (of the American people who are opposed to American involvement in this war) as recorded in the Gallup Poll, can give leadership to the fight against war," the Declaration stresses. "Labor must expose the fake mantle of democracy, civilization and patriotism in which they clothe their war schemes."

"More important still, we must fight against every step toward war; against the repeal of the Johnson act, the granting of loans to either side, the repeal of the Walsh-Healy act, the curbing of civil rights begun by the infamous Dies and the FBI."

"We must defend our right to strike, organize, and picket. We must insist on higher wages, better relief standards for the unemployed, bigger farm aids. We must curb the monopolists who raise the cost of living. We must make our voice heard!"

Conn. Ministers Oppose War on 'Peace Sunday'

Bridgeport Pastors Assn. Decide On Anti-War Sermons

(Special to the Daily Worker)

BRIDGEPORT, Conn., May 28.—Peace Sunday was marked at Protestant churches throughout this city yesterday as a result of action of the Bridgeport Pastors' Association which invited ministers to issue an appeal for world peace and to establish unity among the people of America.

More than fifteen local ministers spoke on the suggested subject of "The Great Commandment" or "Christ, Christianity and War." A number of ministers condemned the current war abroad program and advised against American participation in the war.

Auto Union Prepares Strike At Timken Co.

Files Required 5-Day Notice, Negotiations Continue

(Special to the Daily Worker)

DETROIT, May 28.—The United Automobile Workers, (CIO), today said it had filed notice with the Michigan Labor Mediation Board of intention to strike at the Timken-Detroit Axle Co., engaged in armament production.

The company has a War Department contract for production of axles for Army trucks and gun carriages. More than 2,300 workers are affected.

The required, five-day strike notice came as union representatives resumed contract negotiations. Previously, R. J. Thomas, union president, had notified Secretary of War Harry H. Woodring that a strike threatened at the company's plants because of a wage dispute, and asked the War Department to mediate.

Federal Labor Counselor James P. Dewey, experienced in previous Detroit labor disputes, entered negotiations.

Union Peace Rally Here Noon Today

The Trade Union Peace Committee announced that final arrangements have been made for the peace demonstration to be held in the Garment market today, on 39th Street between 7th and 8th Avenues at the noon hour. Many unions have responded to the call of the Committee and a large turnout of AFL, CIO and needle trade workers is expected.

Among the speakers scheduled to address the demonstration are the following: Fredrick N. Myers, Field Organizer, National Maritime Union, and Chairman of the Committee; Arthur Osmann, President of the United Wholesale and Warehouse Emp. Local 65 CIO; Frank Marino, Organizer of Chefs, Cooks, Pastry Workers and Assistants Union Local 88 AFL; Irene Mason of the Needle Workers Council for Peace and Civil Rights; and Max Perlow, Manager of United Furniture Workers, Local 76B CIO.

The demonstration will start at 12 o'clock sharp, the Committee stated, rain or shine.

Appeals Court Sets Date On Hines Hearing

ALBANY, May 28 (UP).—The Court of Appeals today set June 3 for arguments in the appeal of James J. Hines, New York Democratic leader, from four to eight years sentence in connection with operation of policy games.

Court officials said that while the case had been "reserved" for June 3 the date may be changed. Unless argued before June 7 it will not be heard until late in September.



More Battleships, less relief is administration drive: The 35,000-ton Washington, which will be sent down the ways at the Philadelphia Navy Yard on June 1. The 750-foot warship will be armed with nine 16-inch and sixteen 5-inch guns, and will carry three airplanes.

Testifies 'Front' Plotted Violent Disorder in U.S.

Defendant Says Nucleus of 'Action Committee' Were Fronters

Michael J. Bieme, one of 14 men on trial in Brooklyn on charges of seditious conspiracy, testified yesterday that the so-called "action committee" which allegedly plotted to overthrow the government consisted of a nucleus of "Christian Front" members.

Testifying under cross-examination before a Federal Court jury, the witness said that John F. Cassidy had selected him among others to attend key meetings of the action group, then headed by William G. Bishop. Both Bishop and Cassidy are on trial.

"Did this group consist of selected men from the Christian Front?" Assistant United States Attorney James D. Saver asked.

Bieme replied that the men all were members of the Front but that he did not know if Cassidy had signaled them out. Saver then read from an earlier statement Bieme had made to the Federal Bureau of Investigation, in which the witness said that Cassidy selected nine men for Bishop's action committee. It was through that committee, the indictment charged, that the group hoped to foment disorders through anti-Semitism and other rioting and then seize control of key government and public centers.

NMU Defeats Frame-Up of Phila. Official

Port Agent Acquitted of Charges Alleging Assault

(Special to the Daily Worker)

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., May 28.—John Murray, agent for the National Maritime Union here, was acquitted of assault and conspiracy charges today by Judge Eugene V. Alessandrini in Quarter Sessions Court in City Hall.

The acquittal was termed by Murray and other union spokesmen "a clear defeat for Standard Oil and a vindication of the union's organizing policy as regards the tanker industry."

Appearing for the defense were Louis F. McCabe, prominent labor attorney here, and William L. Standard, of New York, N. M. U. attorney.

"Standard Oil," Murray said, "was using this case as a last resort in its campaign to defeat the union in collective bargaining elections to be held shortly on Esso and Socony-Vacuum tankers."

PHONY CHARGE

The charges were based on an alleged "confession" by one Robert Wade in connection with an assault on Joseph Ramsey, a Standard Oil employee, during the N. M. U. tanker strike one year ago. Wade who confessed to the assault attempted to implicate Murray by testifying that he (Wade) and Hubert Maguire, who also confessed had been sent to do the job by Murray. Maguire, however, testified that he did not know Murray until after his arrest.

There was no jury, both sides having agreed to trial before the judges only.

In declaring his verdict, Judge Alessandrini said that Wade's testimony fell down in several respects, principally in verifying conferences he was supposed to have had with Murray. Defense witnesses had just about exploded this testimony by proof that Murray was elsewhere at the times mentioned by Wade.

Neither Wade nor Maguire are members of the NMU. More than forty character witnesses appeared for Murray, a fact taken into consideration by Judge Alessandrini. In his declaration, the judge cited the case with which trade unions might be implicated in affairs of this kind by "persons who go about usurping authority"—making clear that framed-ups were not at all unlikely in labor cases.

Apex Co. Files Another Suit Against Union

Move Made Following Co. Defeat in High Court Decision Monday

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., May 28.—(UP).—The Apex Hosiery Company prepared today to file a \$1,000,000 suit in state courts against Branch 1, American Federation of Hosiery Workers, CIO, for damages allegedly caused by the union during a 1937 sit-down strike.

The United States Supreme Court yesterday rejected the firm's federal anti-trust law damage suit, barring a federal court jury award of \$711,392 (triple charges).

The High Court pointed out that the concern had redress in the state courts, and company counsel Sylvan M. Hirsch announced immediately that Apex would institute suit in common pleas court. The action was expected to be one of trespass under common law.

Minimum Wage Effective in Steel Industry Today

WASHINGTON, May 28 (UP).—The government's steel minimum wage order, held up 14 months by a bitter legal battle, becomes effective today.

Behind the smokescreen of Administration fostered war hysteria, Army, Navy and Congress stories are attempting to bring about the repeal of the Walsh-Healey Act under which the wage order operates.

It regulates government supplies of iron and steel to pay their workers from 45 cents per hour in the South to 62½ cents per hour in the important Pittsburgh, Youngstown and Chicago producing districts and work them a 40 hour week, with time and one-half for overtime, as a precedent to receiving federal orders.

The order assumed added significance in view of the tremendous rearmament program. Requiring great quantities of steel, which Congress is expected to approve soon.



DR. MAX YERGAN

A testimonial dinner will be tendered to Dr. Max Yergan by the Brooklyn Council in honor of his recent election as national president of the National Negro Congress. The affair will be held at the Elks Auditorium in Brooklyn on June 12, 1940.

Dr. Max Yergan is now an instructor on Negro History at College of the City of New York, and director of the International Committee on African Affairs. For seventeen years he was the South African Secretary of the Young Men's Christian Assn.

Delay Hearing For Frankfeld And O'Dea

Boston Leaders Win Respite in 'Contempt' Proceedings

(Special to the Daily Worker)

BOSTON, May 28.—Hearing on the case of "contempt" preferred by the Dies Committee against Phil Frankfeld, Massachusetts secretary of the Communist Party, and Patrick O'Dea, Massachusetts chairman of the Young Communist League, was postponed yesterday until June 6.

Frankfeld and O'Dea were cited for "contempt" when they refused to turn over the membership lists of their organization to Martin Dies.

The postponement was made yesterday when Frankfeld and O'Dea appeared before the United States Commissioner here. They were represented by Sydney Grant, noted Boston attorney.

Two Plead Not Guilty in B'klyn Murder, Inc. Case

Harry (Pittsburgh Phil) Strauss, 33, and Louis Caspone, 40, alleged members of Brooklyn's Murder, Inc., were held without bail for trial yesterday when they pleaded not guilty at their arraignment on murder charges before County Judge Franklin Taylor in Brooklyn.

They were charged with the murder of Joseph Rosen, a witness in District Attorney Thomas E. Dewey's investigation of the trucking racket of Louis (Lepke) Buchalter. Strauss is awaiting trial on two other murder charges.

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Keegan Anti-Alien Bill Brings Mass Protest

Civic Groups Demand Public Hearings; Bronx Communist Leaders Call for Its Defeat as Part of Wall St. War Hysteria

Letters and telegrams of protest against his local law to register non-citizens with the police in a so-called "fifth column" drive piled high on Councilman Charles E. Keegan's desk yesterday as the City Council went into session.

The measure, part of a councilmanic drive to whip up war hysteria, was sent to the Committee on General Welfare, headed by Councilman William A. Carroll, Tammany Democrat.

Telegrams from a number of civic groups demanded that the Council conduct public hearings on the bill and defeat it as unconstitutional.

HEAVY PENALTY

It provides for a year imprisonment and \$1,000 fine for aliens who have not declared intent to become citizens and who remain within the city limits for three days without registering with the Police Department.

Among the protests against the bill was one from Elizabeth Gurley Flynn, chairman, and Philip David, secretary, of the Bronx County Committee of the Communist Party.

"You propose to molest, abuse, insult and terrorize these fellow New Yorkers," the Communist statement said, "because they are not yet fortunate enough to become citizens."

"You try to call them 'fifth column' suspects. But they are hard-working people who help build, feed and clothe New York and America."

SERVES WAR-MONGERS
"Your bill serves the real fifth column—the slimy, sneaky Wall Street war-mongers who are licking their chops in hope of war profits. You serve as a tool of the real fifth column by helping them whip up war hysteria."

"Your bill is part of a nationwide conspiracy against the Bill of Rights—directed against the whole people by the Wall Street imperialists and President Roosevelt with the aim of dragging our unwilling country into the criminal imperialist war."

During the Council session, Council Vice-President Joseph T. Sharkey leaped on the war bandwagon with a resolution calling on the War Department to designate Floyd Bennett Field as a training station for Flying Military Cadets.

QUOTES FDR
The Sharkey measure was sent to the Rules Committee headed by Tammany Councilman John P. Nugent.

Backing his resolution, Sharkey cited President Roosevelt's pro-war message to Congress two weeks ago. The resolution states that "since New York is the most important city on the eastern seaboard in the matter of defense," provision should be made for "home training" of pilots.

Later the Council adopted a resolution by Louis Cohen, Bronx Democrat, requesting heads of city departments to desist from instructing subordinates to prepare and circulate petitions for referenda on "controversial political issues."

Jersey Yarn Co. Obeys NLRB Court Order

WASHINGTON, May 28 (UP).—The National Board Relations Board announced today that the Harry Schwartz Yarn Co., Inc., North Bergen, N. J., had agreed to a court order requiring reinstatement of 23 CIO members and signing of a union contract if agreement is reached in collective bargaining.

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Household Corner
TOMATOES are in abundant supply in the wholesale vegetable market and prices continue to move downward. Even better grades are selling at reasonable figures, according to the City's Consumer Food Guide of the Dept. of Markets.

In the fresh fish market, sea bass, flounder and halibut are a little higher but still good values. Mackerel, butterfish, cod and porgies continue in the bargain class. Iceberg lettuce showed a sharp rise in cost, especially on the better grades. Boston and Romaine varieties are at cheap levels. Beans, bunched beets and cabbage all eased off and are good buys. Other good suggestions include spinach, radishes, rhubarb, squash and kale.

In fruits, oranges continue plentiful but advanced a bit in cost in most sizes. Grapefruit showed a strong tone, best grades advancing fractionally with the balance holding steady. Cherries are a shade higher and pineapples moved slightly lower in cost. Strawberries are cheap to reasonable. Other good suggestions include apples and grapes.

No scientist can make bones by shaking up a mixture of calcium and phosphorus in a test tube. But in the body, through some complicated processes, these two minerals are combined to make up a large proportion of the rigid structure of the bones and teeth.

Of course, other substances are needed for the building of bones. One of the most important is vitamin D, although this vitamin does not actually go into the structure of the bones. Vitamin D must be

present to help the body in absorbing the calcium and phosphorus, but it will not take the place of either mineral.

As children grow, they build bones at a rapid rate. So a supply of calcium and phosphorus and vitamin D is particularly important for them. Even before a child is born, his bones and teeth are forming. Then during infancy and early childhood these soft structures are becoming hard firm bones. Besides, the child's bones become longer and thicker as he grows.

When the child does not get enough calcium, phosphorus, and vitamin D, a disease, known as rickets, is likely to develop. And the unlucky child may have bow legs, a flat chest, and other misshapen bones for the rest of his life.



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grown, he needs a supply of bone-building materials. Although the bones are no longer growing larger, they must be maintained and kept in good condition.

A pint of milk a day will supply the adult's need for calcium. This milk can be used as a beverage, or it can be used in cooked foods. Cheese is also an important source of calcium. The green leafy vegetables furnish generous amounts of calcium, too. But, unless a person takes milk in some form, it is almost impossible to get a liberal supply of this mineral.

The wise mother checks to make sure her child is getting enough of the materials needed for building sound bones. Daily sun baths and out-of-door play will supply vitamin D. But foods rich in vitamin D, especially the fish-liver oils, are a more dependable source all the year round.

The best way to give a child his daily supply of calcium is in the form of a quart of clean, pasteurized milk. In addition, this milk furnishes a generous amount of phosphorus, the other bone-building material. Phosphorus is also supplied by the egg yolks and cereals that are added to the child's diet at an early age; and later, lean meats and fish supply additional phosphorus.

But even after a person is fully

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The Senate Decries Industrial Slavery

• "You had damn well believe as I do, or you can starve to death!"

This is the whip which the Senate lashes into the faces of the American working class as it passed the shocking amendments yesterday giving employers the legal right to refuse a job to any person they consider "a Communist." A gigantic blacklist, in other words.

Abject industrial slavery could hardly sink lower. And yet leading capitalist politicians of both Democrat and Republican parties enthusiastically tacked this amendment on to the LaFollette bill against Labor Spies and factory arsenals.

Thus with a single amendment, proposed fittingly enough by Senator Reynolds, that outspoken admirer of Hitler on the Senate floor, the entire exposure of the vicious labor spy system is not only ignored, but labor spying is expanded to take in every factory in the United States. Under this amendment passed by the Senate, every employer is gleefully encouraged to transform his plant into an industrial prison in which the very inner thoughts of his wage slaves are controlled!

In this fascist decree, the American people can witness the lightning-swift result of President Roosevelt's seemingly "innocent" drive against the alien and foreign-born workers.

Roosevelt gave the employers the go-ahead signal with his "Fifth Column" incitements. The Senate has taken the hint and its Judiciary Committee has approved the finger-printing of 3,000,000 non-citizens. From this, it is a short step to finger-printing every worker and trade unionist in America. Even German fascism did not dare to go this far.

Thus in the name of a hysterical hunt against "spies," the Roosevelt Government has opened the flood-gates to the worst infamies of the industrial spy system against American labor. The Senate has even approved an amendment exempting factories working on Government orders from the anti-labor spy provisions. Could there be clearer warning to labor that the Roosevelt "defense program" rests on the restoration of sweatshop slavery in all important industry?

This enslavement of labor takes place in every one of the imperialist powers engaged in the war or preparing to jump into it. Hitler started it in Germany; Churchill and Reynaud have copied it down to the last letter. Now the U.S. Senate begins to march in that direction along with the Government.

That labor must suit its political opinions to the employers in order to get work is an infamy which the CIO, AFL, and Railroad Brotherhoods cannot endure for a single minute. They supported the LaFollette anti-labor spy bill. They must now unite as never before to insist that the House wipe the shameful amendments out of the Senate bill. It should be plain as a pikestaff that the anti-alien bills, like the Smith Bill, and the rest, are a Trojan Horse against everything American labor has been able to achieve in the past fifty years. Similarly, the Roosevelt anti-alien witch-hunt.

The savage amendments of the would-be Hitlers in the Senate are a challenge to the very existence of the American trade union movement. Let Labor awaken to its meaning, and give its immediate answer.

Does Roosevelt Want the People to Stop Thinking?

• One of the key phrases in President Roosevelt's recent armaments speech was his blunt attack against the "unreasoning scepticism" of Americans who disagree with him.

There is a hidden political blackjack in these words which may fall upon any worker, farmer, storekeeper—anybody, in fact, who figures out for himself that he doesn't agree with this or that policy of the White House. From now on, according to Roosevelt's dictum, you've got to agree or face the ominous charge of being a "Fifth Column."

The very basis of civil liberty, of democratic progress, is the right of the people to disagree, to reject, to ask questions, to propose an alternate plan to that of the Government. If every counter-proposal of the people, proposed in their own interest, is branded in advance as "unreasoning scepticism" of a traitorous nature, then the Amer-

ican people will be completely at the mercy of Big Business and its agents in Washington.

Roosevelt's "unreasoning scepticism" threat is a development of the bullying he adopted toward the young men and women of the American Youth Congress. It was there that he warned the young Americans that if they didn't take everything from the White House in faith they were guilty of "twaddle." Furthermore, he forbade them straight out even to pass resolutions on what they happened to be thinking about at the time.

It now appears that this bullying to the youth was a rehearsal for the bullying of the American people as a whole. It appears that Roosevelt is determined to drive his policy toward war no matter what the people think about it. If he can't deceive them, he will bully them into silence by an atmosphere of political terrorism in which all dissent becomes treason.

And it is in the name of "freedom" that this suppression of popular thinking is being rapidly advanced! Roosevelt's warning against "scepticism" is a sure sign that the peace and welfare of the country demand a larger supply of wholesome, popular scepticism than ever before.

Major Attlee Gets His Reward

• Rubbing its hands with gleeful satisfaction, the N. Y. Times contemplates the enormous piece of treachery which has been committed against British labor by the Labor Party leadership.

In the same manner that the Roman Imperial police must have contemplated the handiwork of their agent, Judas, the newspaper of American finance admires what Major Attlee accomplished:

"It is the leader of the Labor Party himself who introduced the bill which takes out of the hands of special groups of workers the power to insist on their conditions of labor..."

What an achievement for a so-called "leader of labor"! That he has with his own hands robbed British labor of the achievements for which it has had to struggle for more than 150 years. That British labor now is transformed into an army of helots and serfs building pyramids of profit for the Bank of England and its clique—this shameful thing is jubilantly hailed by the Times as "magnificent patriotism."

If this is "patriotism," then the industrialist who lashes children to the wheels of industry, the sweatshop brute who grinds labor to dust, and the financial thieves of Capital are all saintly patriots.

It seems that British Labor had committed some slight sins in the past. Says the Times: "It made the tragic error of short-sighted 'pacifism,' and insisted on wages, hours, and other conditions that restricted national production..." That is to say, the British working class wanted peace, bread, and security!

But this "tragic error" has now been expiated by the obscene spectacle of "patriotism" by which Social-Democracy, slobbering for forgiveness, rivets the shackles of medieval slavery upon the wage-slaves of British Capitalism.

In the name of "patriotism" and even of "Socialism," let the vampires of Capital drain the hearts-blood of Britain's working class in the militarized factories! Such is the infamy for which Social-Democracy is now being applauded by the cruelest oppressors of the people all over the world. It is a grim warning to American labor as to what its Major Attlees have in store for it in the name of "national defense."

How They Will Treat The Future 'Vets'

• Just as Hoover gassed the vets in 1932, it seems that they are already preparing to gas the veterans of the next war, when they will come back hungry and their families will be starving.

The other day the Herald-Tribune, which just drips with an enthusiasm for American boys to die across the seas, complained bitterly at the idea that widows and dependent families of U.S. war veterans should get any kind of Government pension.

Just imagine! Just because a man faces death in the trenches so that Morgan, Du Pont and Rockefeller can grab oil, rubber and steel profits, is that a reason for feeding his starving children after his death? Such is the brutal argument of the "patriotic" Tribune.

The same people who can calmly watch the families of the veterans starve, are also the loudest in demanding that Wall Street billionaires be "encouraged" to make munitions by giving them tax exemptions on their war profits.

This is a lesson for the cannon-fodder generation of today. The "democracy" they are supposed to die for will not lift a finger to feed their hungry families afterward.

LET'S DECLARE WAR ON THIS



—From the Timber Worker,
Weekly Journal of the International Woodworkers of America (CIO).

The Herald Tribune Accuses the C. P. Of Being Guilty of Fighting for Peace

By Louis F. Budenz

Communists wholeheartedly plead guilty to the "accusations" petulantly hurled at them by Monday's New York Herald Tribune.

With a run-of-the-mine exhibition of Big Business mentality, the Herald Tribune exclaims that the Communists "are most active in the attempt to organize sentiment in this country against participation in the war."

Right you are in this respect, worthies of Wall Street. The Communists are opposed to participation in this imperialist blood bath, since such participation can only bring immediate horrors to the people and the aftermath of a cataclysmic depression.

To stand strongly for peace at such an hour is the most patriotic of services to that 96 per cent of the American people who want to stay out of the imperialist battle-royal. It is the Herald Tribune, among the other mouthpieces of Wall Street, which is doing the utmost damage to the people through its war cries—as in its open call on May 16 for America to enter the slaughter house.

The Communists reject, however, the loose talk of the Herald Tribune about the "extravagance and ridiculous regard for logic" which it says are involved in the charge that the "anti-trust" persecutions of labor are a big part of the drive of the war machine.

CAN'T STAND FACTS

The very editorial attack thus launched by the Herald Tribune takes place because this shout for war is nettled by the class stand of the New York State Convention of the Communist Party on this matter.

What is there "extravagant" about the statement of fact—made at that convention—that the "anti-trust" persecutions are an integral part of the campaign to involve us in the war?

THE WAR-MAKERS EVERYWHERE HAVE TO HAMSTRING LABOR IN ORDER TO CARRY ON THEIR IMPERIALISTIC BLOOD-LETTING.

That is no less the case in America—where the White House hosiery for a "defense" program, which is in reality preparation for war, have been accompanied by encouragement of a lynch hysteria against the working people.

When did the Thurman Arnold persecutions against the unions under the Sherman "anti-trust" law begin? Precisely at the time when Washington was preparing to go into the war-incitement business. Precisely at the time when it is necessary for Wall Street to weaken the unions if the slave conditions existing in Germany, France and England are to be imposed upon the American working people.

At the same time, the Roosevelt administration made its plea that unbounded profits be allowed to flow into the coffers of the trusts. While hitting labor through the "anti-trust" persecutions, the President in his message to the special session of the Congress in September recommended strongly that no legislation be passed to limit profiteering.

THE TRUSTS PROSPER

Accordingly, the big trusts—profiteers off the war business—re-

ported for the first part of 1940, 50 per cent increases over their already exorbitant loot for that period in 1939. There is the fruits of a war policy for you, even if the Herald Tribune does not want to see it. And in logical converse development, we behold the unloosing in full measure of the unprecedented campaign to imprison labor leaders and undermine the unions.

The very extensiveness of this "anti-trust" drive against labor is evidence of its character as part of the preparation for plunging America into the war. From San Francisco to New York it has been carried on, with hundreds of labor men and scores of unions under indictment.

It is no secret that the M-Day plans are outlined and ready, to regiment and degrade labor under the whip of militarization. It is no secret that in all the imperialist countries engaged in the war dictatorships have been set up, the 84-hour week installed and the workers' wages and working conditions reduced to the most debased depths. Such fascist plots cannot be put through here unless labor is seriously weakened—by the "anti-trust" persecutions.

It is also quite well known that the Roosevelt administration, in launching its hysterical war drive, began a "technical" assault in the courts upon all who stood for peace. The "anti-trust" persecutions of the union are no less a part of this "technical" whitening down of civil liberties than the "passport" charges against Earl Browder.

AN INTERNATIONAL ATTACK

In every imperialist country, the monopoly capitalists have to disrupt and crush labor in order to carry on the slaughter. Otherwise, labor would protest effectively against the continuance of the senseless war. Otherwise, labor would demand decent wages and working conditions. Otherwise, labor would rise up against the orgy of profits—made out of the blood of the peoples—which is taking place in every imperialist warring country.

Schemes are already on foot—aided and abetted by such organs as the Herald Tribune, always an enemy of workers' welfare—to scuttle the National Labor Relations Act, wages and hours measure and other social legislation. But the White House, shrewdly employing "technical" devices, is undermining the Labor Relations Act before our very eyes through these "anti-trust" persecutions. It is seeking to establish these anti-union precedents which the Herald Tribune shouted for three years ago in its "incorporation of the unions" campaign.

The irony involved in the persecution of labor men under the "anti-trust" law while the big racketeers of Wall Street mount up their blood profits and are given charge of the destiny of the country by the White House stamps definitely the war-drive character upon this unjust, anti-American procedure.

THE CHIEF WAR-MAKER

The low point in the Herald Tribune editorial is reached when it sets to blubbering over the "villainous attacks upon the President" by the Communists. Of what does

this "villainous" consist? Of the charge that Mr. Roosevelt is the leader of the war party in America. Is that not a fact? Does not every move and speech of Mr. Roosevelt bear out this charge? Is not such a man as John T. Flynn, financial writer for the Scripps-Howard newspapers, also moved to make a similar statement (New Republic, May 27)?

Since the Herald Tribune makes so much of this matter, perhaps it will be well to quote again the exact words of Mr. Flynn—even though they were quoted in the last Sunday Worker! The Scripps-Howard writer says:

"There is no doubt that there is a party in Washington which, one inch at a time, on little step after another, as fast as it thinks the American people can be drawn along, is leading us into this war. That is the war party. And the President of the United States is the leader of this party."

To make the point sharper, Mr. Flynn concludes: "There has suddenly flared up a great panic about our defenseless state—as if somebody was on the point of invading or attacking this country... Who's coming over here? And in what? And when? There is not one of those military gentlemen in Washington who has the slightest doubt on this point. They know no one is coming here. They are talking about 'over there.'"

YESTERDAY'S "ENEMY"

The newspaper's sob-sister act about Mr. Roosevelt would be more convincing if such tender solicitude did not come from the very paper which descended to gangster depths in its attacks upon the President when he was carrying through New Deal reforms. The paper's present concern that Mr. Roosevelt be not criticized is proof more eloquent House is leading the war party, in which the Herald Tribune has openly enrolled.

It is only a blunted Big Business mind which would also think up the sweet concern which the Herald Tribune expresses lest the champions of peace be labelled "agents of Hitler," as such champions in 1917 were labelled as "agents of the Kaiser." Who invented such falsehoods against men like Eugene Victor Debs except the scoundrels who were coining profits out of the Wilsonian adventure? Who peddled up such lying phrases except such monopoly agents as the Herald Tribune itself? Today it is the same gang who are going into hypocritical hysterics about a mythical "fifth column," while their own Fifth Column strains to press the American people into war.

In 1917 it was Debs, Browder and those who opposed entry into the war who were correct. In 1940 the people will surely remember that. The old yelps of "foreign agent" and the like are not as easy to put over as they were 25 years ago. The people—if they remember 1917—will protect themselves against another betrayal.

And a chief item for the people in this respect is to realize that which the Herald Tribune wants them to forget—that the present "anti-trust" pogrom against the unions is part and parcel of the scheme to crush all labor and thus hurry on the war.

Point of Order

By ALAN MAX

PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT'S blood-curdling call to wipe out the "Fifth Column" didn't come a minute too soon. For a Professor V. N. Ipatieff has found a Fifth Column among chemicals. And a Miss Cynthia Westcott, garden editor of the Times, has discovered that plant pests are conducting a "blitzkrieg" this year. It is all very, very suspicious and clearly calls for a strong hand.

The problem is just how to know the Fifth Column when you meet it. Fortunately, Miss Dorothy Thompson has given some valuable hints. Miss Thompson is the lady who used to look under the bed every night for the New Deal; but now she and the New Deal together look under the bed for the Fifth Column. Here is Miss Thompson's method of detecting Fifth Column agents. "They tap their foreheads and smile in a superior way," she writes. This is very useful to know and it's a poor patriot who cannot use the method to name a dozen Fifth Columnists off-hand. The only difficulty with Hawthorne Thompson's method is that now that she has tipped her hand, smart Fifth Column agents will probably disguise themselves by refraining from smiling and by keeping a straight face at all times—even when they read Miss Thompson's columns.

No, the only sure-fire, guaranteed method offered to date, is the one advocated by President Roosevelt in his Fireside speech Sunday night. Whoever disagrees with Mr. Roosevelt is a Fifth Columnist. Whoever suspects that his "defense" program is for aggression and not for defense, is a "Trojan Horse." Whoever wants the United States to stay out of the war, is spreading "undiluted poison." What could be simpler?

The President started his campaign of bullying the people to submit to his war program back in January, when he told the Youth Congress that the young people of America should be seen but not heard and that their peace resolutions were "twaddle." Now he advances a step and "twaddle" becomes "undiluted poison." Meanwhile Mrs. Roosevelt follows behind in dutiful fashion. During the New Deal period, it was Mrs. Roosevelt's job always to be one step ahead of her husband to conceal the slowness with which he was moving on the road to progress. Now Mrs. Roosevelt stays one step behind her husband to conceal the speed with which he is moving to war.

For example, when the President was fuming about "undiluted poison" on Sunday night, Mrs. FDR was taking up the "twaddle" line before the New York Youth Congress. She can be expected to move up into the "undiluted poison" salient next—just when the President may be laying the cornerstone for the First Federal Concentration Camp.

Incidentally, we hear rumors that Mrs. Roosevelt is thinking of changing the name of her syndicated newspaper column, now known as "My Day." For the most appropriate name to fit her present views, we suggest that she simply drop one letter from the name as it now stands. Cut out the first "Y" and call it "M-Day."

A "Brooklyn Reader" writes in—"I suggest a department devoted to the citation of Americans who are rendering distinguished service to the British Crown. My first nomination is Arthur Hays Sulzberger, publisher of the New York Times. His Majesty George VI could not find amongst his millions of subjects a more understanding, devoted and eloquent defender of British imperialism than Sir Arthur. In rapid order he will advance himself up to a peerage. Another man to watch is George Backer of the N. Y. Post. I would not immediately suggest a knighthood for Mr. Backer, for his services to His Imperial Majesty are of recent origin. Yet the quality of his work is unmistakable."

Leland Stowe, foreign correspondent, has been telling readers of the Post about the Soviet Red Army again. His latest is on Soviet "unpreparedness"—written after what the Post says was a week's visit to the Soviet Union. For some reason, Soviet military authorities declined to take Mr. Stowe into their confidence. But that didn't matter. Being resourceful, Mr. Stowe simply went out and picked up "two Frenchmen and two Belgians" who told him all. This is not Stowe's first scoop on Soviet military affairs. As recently as last February Stowe secured his world-shaking "miracle of Summa" scoop. In a special copyrighted radio dispatch from Helsinki on Feb. 15, Stowe told how the Finnish White Guards had routed the Red Army at the key fortification of Summa in the middle of the Mannerheim line. Stowe gave in detail the vivid, breathless account of what he declared could only be described as the "miracle of Summa." The dispatch was marred by only one slight error. For on the very day when Mr. Stowe was proclaiming the "miracle of Summa," the press announced that the Red Army, with callous disregard for Mr. Stowe's reputation, had marched in and taken the city.

[Point of Order appears regularly every Monday, Wednesday and Friday.]

Letters From Readers

Likes Mike Gold's Articles on Puerto Rico

Colonia, N. J.

Editor, Daily Worker:

Mike Gold is doing a swell job writing about the conditions in Puerto Rico.

I only wish the hundreds of hypocritical sight-seeing tourists who are bound to visit this island this summer could read them. Maybe they would then realize that the island is not filled with milk and honey for all the inhabitants, that it does belong to the United States, and, lastly, that most of the natives live in miserable homes and slave for a few dollars a week.

R. R.

The Shoe Fits the Foot

New York City.

Editor, Daily Worker:

The abandonment of democratic forms by the British ruling class has embarrassed its apologists. They find it necessary to "explain" that "democracy," attacked, must defend itself "with something very similar to totalitarian organization."

The difference between Hitler and Churchill, says the Times, is that "Winston Churchill has not forcibly seized power. Parliament has not abdicated. What Parliament gave it is still free to take back."

Of course the Times now forgets very conveniently that Hitler did not seize power "forcibly" either. He was "elected" and invited to form a cabinet by the President of the Reich.

Great Britain and France indeed now fit, along with Germany, Italy and Japan, Dimitroff's definition of fascism as the open, terrorist, dictatorship of the most reactionary sections of finance capital. S. A.

Welcome, Delegates to the Eleventh National Nominating Convention of the Communist Party

The Made Mr. Cornett Stop Blowing His Tune

Woody Shows Real News Sense: Flashes a Hot Communique on How Bob Wood Stymied Pest Who Insisted on Misusing the Telephone

By Woodrow Wilson Guthrie (Woody)

OKLAHOMA CITY, Okla.—Well, you know Bob Wood, the Party organizer here, is a running for Congressman-at-Large down here in Oklahoma, and his popularity is really increasing by leaps and bounds.

Past three days the telephone has been a ringing like nobody's business, and when the secretary steps up to answer the call, why, the telephone storms out something like, "Hello, you low life..." — and then hangs up.

In the case of a lady answering the phone, it splits out, "Hello, you..." and then hangs up. Sometimes it calls you... sometimes it... but every five or ten minutes of these past few days has rung down the good old Party Line such words of vulgar abuse, and insult, as never rung down before.

Sometimes, the out-of-control rings, and you go to the receiver and you think it's a gonna be good old Mr. X again, but you're afraid to pick right in and cause the living day-lights out of him, because it might not be him, you never know, it might be a good brother or sister of the faith.

So Oklahoma's Party Line is undergoing a one man blitzkrieg.

Bob got busy and found out who was throwing the stinking grenades into the triggerworks of the phone, and it turned out to be a feller by the name of J. Weldon Cornett. He woke a worker by the name of Alan Shaw up a morning or two ago and yelled, "Why you... you sewer-bat, you know, I run bayonets through a hundred guys like you in the World's War, and I'm gonna come up there and run one through you, all of you, me and my gang."

On one occasion it said that it was going to whip the living hell out of everybody in the office, and Bob says, Well, boy, if you just naturally can't get that idea out of your head no other way, why don't you just come on over? This was after about the jillionth call and everybody wanted to get a gander at this guy, Cornett.

So — here comes Cornett, still blowing the same old tune. He comes into the office sort of quiet like, and says he just wants to look around a bit. He looks around a little, and all at once he gets louder and louder, like a cornet's time in a honky tonk orchestra, and he yells, "Why I'm a gonna tear hell outta this place! Hey, you god dam guys, what part of Germany was you born in? Why don't you call a cop? Why don't you call a cop? And he blocks the door with his hands, and he gets tougher than old billy hell. But everybody just stood there and listened to him till he'd blown his top completely, and nobody said a word for a while.

Finally Bob said, "Say, partner, listen, not so much of that cussing, there's ladies around here."

But that just wound him up tighter than ever, and he really cut loose with a blast—and he blazed out down the hall toward the stairs yelling, "I'll be back! Don't think I won't! I handled a boyonet before, I can handle one again!"

So Cornett has blown with the

Count Basie Band on Harlem Amateur Hour at 11 P. M.

Count Basie and his band guest on Harlem Amateur Hour WMCA at 11 tonight... Lee Tracy in "Front Page" on Star Theatre program over WABC at 9 P. M.

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Welcome, Delegates to the Eleventh National Nominating Convention of the Communist Party

Inside Baseball

By Scorer

Well, the Yanks are at it again. However a close inspection of the Yankee Stadium reveals that all is not entirely well with the four-time champions. First, that sick list is rather long. Second, these boys have not really begun to hit yet. But—come Michaelmas—or July 15 at the latest, our Yanks should be in first place.

Let's look over the casualty roll first. Lefty Gomez is through. Lefty has not thrown a hard ball all spring; it is questionable if he can throw one. Jake Powell is back, but Powell was never more than outfield insurance and his return means little or nothing to the team. Red Rolfe has a back, eye and throat cold. His right eye is puffed and closed, but he should be back in uniform in a day or two and back in the game by Saturday at the latest. Buddy Roser's finger will require at least one week more to heal. It is doubtful if he will catch before the team goes on the road on June 14. Marv Brainer's illness was greatly exaggerated. He is ready and willing to go back to the firing line.

The hitting has not really picked up yet. Dickey is beginning to pull balls into right field but with not much power, although he has made his share of hits in recent days. Joe Gordon has not yet emerged

from the slump. Crosetti is rapidly becoming a chronic .150 hitter. Dahlgren sputtered, with seven straight hits the other day but has done little since. Rolfe's illness sets back his recovery from the slump.

Nevertheless experts—and you must believe the experts—say that the double-header season will aid the Yanks immeasurably. They have an overpowering excellent pitching staff. Pearson, Breuer, Ruffing and Chandler have all pitched excellent ball during the last week. Such pitchers as Sundra and Hadley have scarcely been used. Alton Donald may come around at any time and Hildebrand is an added starter. The Yanks have only one working left-hander, Marius Russo, but he should be right up there in the first line this season, for he ranked as the league's No. 1 pitcher in earned runs last year.

Take the word of this expert, it's the Yanks all the time. They should easily outlast the Red Sox and Detroit and as for Cleveland, only Bobbie Feller gives them an outside chance.

Durocher Tells How Amazing Dodgers Do It

Spotty Pitching, Weak Hitting Overcome by Tremendous Hustle, High Morale and Crowd Spirit

When a major league team continues to lead its league despite spotty pitching, poor hitting, and only ordinary fielding it is time to make an investigation, even though that team be Brooklyn, a club long noted for bizarre behavior.

Here's the explanation in the words of their manager, Leo Durocher:

"THEY'RE HUSTLING LIKE HELL."

Durocher says that in all of his 15 years in baseball he has never seen a team with the spirit, the drive, the out and out hatred of defeat that the 1940 Dodgers have.

"I've played with some hustling fools in my time," Durocher told me over a steak at Lindy's last night, "particularly that 1934 house gang in St. Louis. You remember that club in 1934—

guys. And the president of the club has had a lot to do with it. The players know he's for 'em. I'll bet you that when Reese looks in his locker the next time there'll be an envelope with a hundred bucks in it. Just a little present from MacPhail for that winning homer. If it's not in his locker, he'll get a little extra dough the next pay day. Carleton got five hundred for that no-hitter, and other players have been rewarded for good work. The players have a feeling that Larry is watching 'em and is appreciative of what they do."

Durocher also gave the Brooklyn fans an assist in the rousing showing of the Dodgers this year.

This edition went to bed too early for the results of the Dodger-Phil night game at Ebbets Field, which saw Fred Fitzsimons on the mound against Hugh Mulcahy, and the Dodgers in first place by 18 points after the Reds' afternoon defeat.

Frisch, Martin, Collins, Dean, Medwick, and all the rest. We were not the best team in the league by a long shot, but we won the pennant and the world series. Well, the Dodgers are working even harder than that bunch. There isn't a man on the club that isn't giving me everything he's got and maybe a little bit more. None of that 'well, we lost 4 to 1, but what the hell, I got three hits staff. Look how we're winning 'em. We're seventh in hitting and the pitching has been uncertain. But the guys are pouring it on, and given just a little break make it count."

Leo used Sunday's game with the Phillies as an example. "We're shut out with one hit going into the ninth, and losing 1 to 0. But we tie it in the ninth and then Reese gets his first homer in the majors to win for us in the tenth. Those are good ones to win." Was there any explanation for this remarkable spirit of the Dodgers?

LARRY HANDS IT OUT
"Yeah, a couple of reasons," Durocher explained. "In the first place everybody on the team happens to like everybody else. No arguing or fighting among the

WHAT'S ON

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Tonight

MASS PEACE RALLY. Hotel Capitol, 51st St. and 8th Ave. Speakers: Dr. Yergan, Arthur O'Shea, Morris Watson, Joseph Cadden. 8:30 P.M. Adm. 35c. Ausp.: Mid-Manhattan Chapter, New York Peace Association.

Tomorrow

STAY OUT OF WAR with Modern Trend Youth Group of Harlem. Memorial Cocktail Party at Mingo Club, 132nd St. and 7th Ave. Thursday from 3 to 8 P.M. Dining, dancing and entertainment.

Philadelphia, Pa.

CAMP RIDGEPALE Decoration Day. Outing postponed, due to saturated grounds caused by rainy spell. Grand Opening Sunday, June 9th. Same program as planned.

Newark, N. J.

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round up

Giant-Bee game postponed, brought right over to today, an open date... Memorial Day double-header tomorrow at Ebbets Field for the Terrymen... Dodgers rest today after last night's night game with Phils.

Max Butcher finally won a game for the Pirates, and as he picked the Reds as his victims, the Dodger N. L. lead jumped from 4 points to 18 before last night's game... the Cards surprised by coming up with not only a well pitched game, but a complete one, and what's more a shutout!... young lefty Max Lanier was the lad, whitewashing the Cubs... a little more good pitching and the Cards can still upset a lot of dope... doesn't have to be shutouts either...

Hoag and McQuinn socked home runs for the Browns in yesterday's win... the ex-Yanks are going good for the Haneymen, who don't look as though they'll hit the cellar again... Durocher and MacPhail expect some long distance slugging from big Gallagher, who'll alternate in right field with Jim Wasdell... Vosmik and Walker in left and center...

Yanks in High, Take 2 From Nats for 4 in Row

MAJOR LEAGUE SCORES

AMERICAN LEAGUE
(1st Game)
Washington 100 001 020—4 12 1
New York 142 100 135—12 14 1
Haynes, Hudson (3) and Ferrell; Russe, Murphy (8) and Dickey.

(2nd Game)
Washington 000 100 000—1 7 0
New York 201 000 003—3 9 0
Monteagudo and Early; Bruer and Dickey.

(First Game)
Detroit 000 023 000—8 11 0
Cleveland 004 001 000—5 11 0
Newhouse, Benton (3) and Tebbetts; Allen, Zuber (3), Humphries (5), Dobson (7) Naynick (9) and Hemsley.

(Second Game)
Detroit 000 010 512—9 16 2
St. Louis 302 202 105—10 12 1
Rigney, Welland (4), Grove (7) and Tresh, Turner (5); V. Kennedy, Coffman (8) and Swift.

NATIONAL LEAGUE
Cincinnati 000 100 010—2 5 2
Pittsburgh 010 300 015—8 8 1
Thompson, Hutchings (5) and Lombardi; Butcher and Davis.

New York at Boston postponed—rain.

St. Louis 000 004 100—5 8 1
Chicago 000 000 000—4 1 1
Lanier and Owen; Olsen, Page (7) and Todd.

MAJOR LEAGUE LEADERS

NATIONAL LEAGUE
Player and Team G A R H Pct.
Danning, New York... 28 100 18 43 .304
Lombardi, Cincinnati... 27 95 17 38 .329
Gastine, Pittsburgh... 17 88 8 22 .287
Walker, Brooklyn... 36 64 10 23 .329
Leiber, Chicago... 22 24 21 41 .331

HOME RUN
Player and Team G A R H Pct.
Felix, Red Sox... 29 126 16 49 .406
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Dickey, Keller Clout in 13-4, 3-1 Wins—Russo, Breuer Go Route—Champs Move Into First Division

It looked a little more like old times at the Yankee Stadium yesterday as the champs swept a double header with the Washington Senators 13-4 and 3-1 for their fourth straight victory and ninth in their last twelve games. The victories swept them into the American American League first division and the feeling is now growing that they're really on the way.

Ten thousand four hundred sixty-six fans saw the twin bill, a poor crowd, for a sunny day. After the first home game rout, marked by home runs by Gordon and Dickey, the second presaged a fast, sparkling defensive battle. Monteagudo, Senator's Cuban star, twirled brilliantly in defeat, fanning seven. The Yanks opened on him with two runs in the first when Crosetti singled to center, Keller duplicated the blow, DiMag walked, filling the bases. Crosetti came over on a balk and Keller on Dickey's fly to right.

In the third DiMag singled, Dickey doubled and Selkirk's fly put Joe over. Thereafter Monteagudo was invincible, but Marvin Brainer was more so, Lewis home run in the fourth being the only score off him. He was helped by Gordon's great fielding.

The opener saw the complete ending of the Yank's batting slump as Joe Gordon collected two doubles and a homer and Bill Dickey came out of his long slumber with his first homer of the year in addition to a single.

Here's how the Yanks scored the 12 runs off Haynes and Hudson:
1st: Crosetti walked, moved up on out, crossed on Keller's single to right.
2nd: Selkirk and Gordon doubled to center, Russo singled to left, Crosetti was hit by a pitch, Knickerbocker singled to left and Keller to right. Total four runs.

3rd: Selkirk singled to center, Gordon clouted his fourth homer of year into left field seats.
4th: Knickerbocker singled over second, DiMaggio walked and Dickey hung a clothes line to right for one run.

5th: Gordon clouted second double, came over on two infield outs.
6th: Keller walked, DiMag singled to right, Dickey belted No. 1 into the right field bleachers. Sounds like old times, eh?
G. Walker led what Washington attack there was against Russo, with Bloodworth's single scoring a pair in the 8th after rain had delayed the game for the second time.

OUT OF SLUMP



BILL DICKEY came to life at the bat yesterday with his first home run of the year and a few more important hits in the Yanks' twin win. He'll make a difference.

Contest Winners

The winners of last week's contest on the Negro double header at the Stadium—Ben Jaffe of Brooklyn and Leon Lusterman of the Bronx.
Each picked the Baltimore Elsie Giants and Homestead Grays to win by a score close to the actual outcome, in addition to excellent letters on ending Jim Crow in the big leagues.
The two winners will receive by mail a pair of working press tickets each to next Sunday's doubleheader.

Sport Page

NEW YORK, WEDNESDAY, MAY 29, 1940

Along Fistic Row

By Al Stillman

Approximately ten thousand stayed to leer the decision favoring Steve Beloise in his scrap with Sammy Luftspring, the Canadian champ at the Bronx Coliseum Monday night.

It was the perfect decision for a successor to Fred Astaire and some enterprising song writer could clean up a fortune putting words and music to Beloise's ring antics. If you want it second hand it goes like this:

Left, right, clutch; one, two, squeeze; three steps backwards and one step forward; left, right, etc., etc., ad infinitum.

At any rate the Canadian welter champ merited a draw, certainly no worse.

In the sixth frame Sammy had Steve groggy and ripe for a knock-out but he couldn't put over the finisher and by the time the round came to a close Steve had regained his clarity. We judged four rounds, possibly five to Luftspring, and one draw, which certainly shouldn't be a losing proposition in an eight-round match.

It was unpopularity night up at

the big Bronx barn as the eight-round semi also drew the negatives of the congregation, although this time a bit mysteriously. Tommy Christie, Bronx 128½-pounder outpointed Johnny Litto, 126½-pound Philadelphia in a return bout. Two weeks ago the boys really went at it, the Bronx boy emerging the victor then, too, but Monday the decision was unpopular probably because of the slowness of the affair, although the laurels couldn't have gone any other way.

Bobby Ivy, Hartford, Conn., surged back into the fight at St. Nicholas Arena, after being floored in both the first two rounds, and decisioned Lee Arthur, Texas, the rest of the way to gain the nod in the main eight-round event before 5,000.

A right cross in the first round dropped Ivy for a nine count, and again in the second it looked like the Hartford boy's finish but he stepped right back in the third and floored Harper. From there on the Texan clearly outpointed Lee.

In the semi-final eight, 130½-

pound Bay Ridge boy, Monty Pigatone, outpointed Bronx Mickey La Marr, the same weight. It was a clear enough decision, Monty connecting solidly with lefts and rights to the head throughout the bout.

Starlight Park weighs in next Monday with an eight-round featuring Petey Scalzo and Mike Beloise, brother of Steve and ex-feather champ. The fight is scheduled for the open air arena but should the weather be wet it will be moved to the adjoining Coliseum which is indoors, of course.

"Other Papers Say We're Just Brawn, No Brain", Young Negro Weightlifting Champ Tells Bill

By Bill Newton

Johnny Davis, 19 and strictly on the Apollo side, relaxed in a seat at Madison Square Garden and watched a fellow weight-lifter miss a "snatch" and rock the platform with 250 pounds of fallen steel.

Earlier in the day, the York, Pa., Negro world champion had captured the national AAU lightweight lifting honors for the second successive year. In compiling the good total of 855 for three lifts, Johnny "snatched" 274½ pounds (in snatching, the lifter performs a leg split while raising the weight overhead) for a new record for his class.

Now Johnny was relaxing. Kids surrounded him with requests for autographs. People stared (you have to see Johnny to believe him)—he's so solid and healthy and handsome, that he bursts right through a suit. Johnny seemed to be at peace with the world.

"Well, not quite," smiled Johnny. "I'm a little burned at some of the newspapers that have been saying that lifters are all muscle and no brains. Bob Considine, in the Mirror, suggested that some of us don't have the brains to hold jobs."

John Terry, Negro 132-pound lifting king, operates a successful cafe in York, Pa., Johnny pointed out, while other lifters are clerks.

students and factory workers. "There goes Steve Gob—he's a stevedore," Johnny nodded at the fellow who had finished second to him that afternoon. "And there's Elmer Farnham—he works in an office."

"What do some of those writers want, anyway? Most of these lifters are nice fellows. If some of them have not had a college education is that their fault?" Johnny himself works occasionally in a York barbell plant, but said that he travels around a good deal giving exhibitions and competing.

"I'd like to be able to go to Springfield College, but I don't know," he declared. He's been in and out of school since he became a lifetime lifter three years ago at 16.

Most of the lifters he works with at York and around the country treat him without regard for color, Johnny said.

"But a few are rotten," he asserted. "And of course they won't let me compete with white lifters in the South."

Johnny, who was born in Smithtown, L. I., took up weightlifting several years ago to build his body. He is unquestionably one of the strongest lifters, despite his youth, as well as one of the most beautifully muscled. His weight ranges between 181 and 200.

"One of these days," he smiled, "I'm going to settle down in the heavyweight class and beat the present champ, Steve Stanko." Stanko, at 220, lifted 95 pounds more than Davis in the AAU competition, but that is probably due

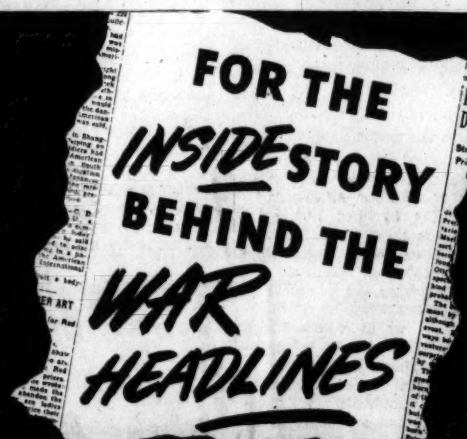
to his bulge in bodyweight and to the fact that Johnny was facing less stern opposition in the lightweight class. Davis can probably stay within 15 or 20 pounds of Stanko at the present time.

There's one thing Johnny wants made plain: weightlifting does not make girls muscular. Pointing to a number of girls seated around the ring, he said that they kept in trim with weight training.

"There's nothing better for men or women," he averred—and he ought to know.

Johnny would like to see Negroes in the major leagues, he asserted, but added that he was not much interested in baseball. It's lifting first and last for Johnny, and he is doing a good job of destroying whatever Jim Crow may raise its head in that sport.

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